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Mortar bombs bounce off runway

IRA shatters peace hopes with attack on Heathrow

BY STEWART TENDLER AND PAUL KELBIE

THE IRA shattered immediate hopes of bringing peace to Ireland last night when five mortar bombs were fired at Heathrow airport last night. It was the first serious attack on mainland Britain since June. The shells were fired from a Datsun car parked at the Excelsior Hotel in Bath Road on the airport perimeter, but none exploded as they bounced off the north runway.

All flights were suspended and roads were blocked off, but the airport said the runway was still operating at the time of the attack. It was closed afterwards as police searched for the unexploded shells.

The attack on the world's busiest airport came shortly after 6 pm, just before MPs voted on renewing the Prevention of Terrorist Act. Michael Howard announced the assault at the end of the debate and said: "The House will be relieved to learn from initial reports that it appears there were no casualties or serious damage."

He added: "I don't know whether that incident is supposed to send some signal to this House. But if it is, there is only one conclusion which the House can responsibly take."

Calling on Labour MPs to support the Government and to show unity in the fight against terrorism, he said: "There can be no more appropriate moment for displaying that unity than in the aftermath of the attack which I have just announced." The House then voted to renew the Act.

Emergency services had rushed to the scene after a bomb warning was phoned to Sky Television news at 5.05 pm, fifty minutes before the attack. A man with an Irish accent told the switchboard: "I won't be repeating this warning," and used a recognised codeword. He continued: "In one hour's time, a large number of bombs will be going off in Heathrow airport. Clear all runways. Stop all flights." The man then put the phone down and Sky alerted police.

They quickly discovered what they called a suspect package outside the 836-bed Excelsior hotel, dozens of guests were moved out and all access routes to the scene were sealed off as bomb disposal experts were drafted in to carry out a controlled explosion.

At the airport, a petrol station worker said: "There was a big bang from the hotel car park followed by two smaller bangs. There are three cars on fire there now." Flames surrounded dozens of cars in the Excelsior car park.

Mark Tyrell, a dispatch rider, told Sky News he was waiting at traffic lights when he heard what he thought was a car backfiring. "I looked to the right and saw a puff of grey or white smoke," he said. "Then followed a quick succession of three or four more booms, followed by further clouds of smoke." Police quickly sealed off the nearby A4, causing severe traffic jams in the evening rush hour, he said.

A spokeswoman at the airport said: "There has been a fire in the hotel car park. We have closed the northern runway which is closest to the scene, and terminals one, two and three." Flights were delayed as the airport was forced to operate with just the southern runway.

The IRA has been quiet on the mainland since well before Christmas, apart from a series of firebomb attacks. But the anti-terrorist branch at Scotland Yard has been on the alert for a major IRA attack in the past week.

Interviewed on *Channel 4 News* last night, Mr Howard said that the Government would not let such events, such atrocities, divert it from its course. "We will not be blown off course" in the fight against terrorism, he said.

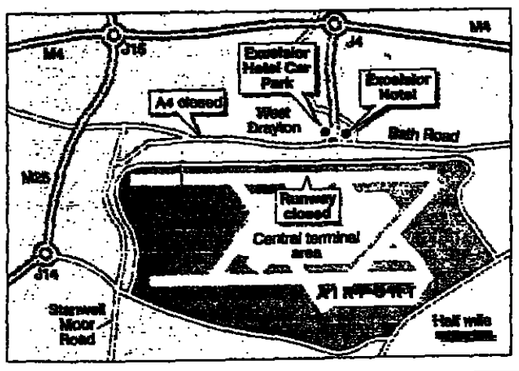
"If it was meant to send a signal to the House of Commons, I think it is a pity that the House of Commons was unable to give a united response because the Labour Party did not come into the lobby with us to support the renewal of the Prevention of Terrorism Act.

"But the majority in favour of the renewal of those powers was a big majority. So if this was a signal from the terrorists, they got their answer from the House of Commons."

The assault was, however, seen as a brutal expression of the IRA's refusal to accept the Downing Street declaration.

While Sinn Fein refused to describe the outrage as its final answer to the attempt to draw them into the peace process, the Government will come under pressure today to withdraw its offer of talks to republican leaders and initiate a new security crackdown.

Hardline Unionists last night said the IRA outrage proved their case that Britain should not attempt to do deals with terrorists.



CHRIS HARRIS



Lord Caithness, who wept when he spoke of his wife's last evening, arriving at the Oxford inquest yesterday

Lady Caithness spoke of suicide

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE Earl of Caithness was warned twice by his family doctor that his wife might kill herself with the shotgun he kept at home, the inquest into her death was told yesterday.

Lord Caithness told the coroner that she had indicated many times that she was thinking of harming herself and he had once taken part of the gun away, but she had urged him to leave it intact because it was her security when he was away.

When he was at home, the 16-bore double-barrelled shotgun was in a locked cupboard, but Lady Caithness knew where the key was kept and on January 8, she stole upstairs while her husband and daughter played cards and killed herself.

Lord Caithness heard the shot and found his 40-year-old wife in a bedroom at their home near Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire. She had put the gun muzzle in her mouth and pulled the trigger with her toe.

The Earl, who resigned as a transport minister after his wife's death, wept yesterday as he told the inquest at Oxford that he had a long, heated discussion about the future with his wife and their 15-year-old daughter, Iona, that morning and Lady Caithness had been upset. He then went shopping with his daughter while his wife stayed at home to rest. When they returned, she seemed better and the family watched the television news and *Dad's Army*.

"After the television was switched off my wife started to do a bit of ironing. Iona and I sat down and played cards. This was about 6.20. My wife saw that we were playing cards and she went upstairs, and ten minutes later we heard a dreadful noise. Iona and I heard it. We were sitting on the floor playing patience in the room directly below the bedroom, the room that we call the nursery. Luckily I was closer to the door than Iona. We both ran upstairs. I got to the door of the bedroom first, looked in and Iona was looking over my shoulder and turned pale, ran to my study which is two rooms away which has a telephone."

Lady Caithness had been concerned about cysts on her breast although she had been assured they were a benign recurrence of an earlier problem. Asked by the coroner if Lady Caithness had ever indicated that she was thinking of harming herself, Lord Caithness replied: "Yes . . . she said it many times."

Coroner: "Did she indicate any particular method she favoured?"

Lord Caithness (sobbing): "She itemised three different methods: shotgun, poison and on a motorway."

Lady Caithness told him last year that she had taken the gun out of the cupboard while he was away in London, and last autumn he once found her with the weapon, although it was unloaded.

Adney Payne, solicitor for Lady Caithness's parents, asked Lord Caithness why he had left the keys of the gun cupboard and the cartridges in his study in a place known to his wife. He replied she needed other "stuff" kept in the gun cabinet. He had once removed a part of the weapon to prevent its use, but his wife told him: "Please leave the gun there, it's my security when you are in London."

He said Lady Caithness was familiar with gun safety because her father had taught her to shoot during her youth.

Dr John Goves, the family's GP had earlier told the hearing that he had warned Lord Caithness twice that his wife might use the shotgun on herself, but the earl assured him that it was locked and he had the key. Dr Goves said had been aware for some time that Lady Caithness had financial and other worries, but realised they were more serious last May when a relative

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Callaghan demands apology over 'slur'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR AND JONATHAN PRYNN

LORD Callaghan, the former Labour Prime Minister, gave the "right to lie" controversy an astonishing new twist yesterday when he called on William Waldegrave to clear his name over allegations that he had misled the Commons over devaluation in 1967.

Mr Waldgrave, the open government minister, appeared to have dug himself deeper into trouble after using Lord Callaghan's handling of the 1967 sterling crisis to show how ministers could, in exceptional circumstances, lie to Parliament. Last night he declined to back down.

Tory MPs were horrified at the storm created by the minister's remarks to a select committee on Tuesday, and the damage done to the Government's attempt to shrug off Labour's "sleaze" allegations. Although John Major stood by his embattled colleague, the Minister for Public Service and Science remains high on most MPs' list of potential casualties in the next reshuffle.

On a south coast tour, Mr Major dismissed suggestions that Mr Waldegrave could lose his Cabinet job as "silly". He repeatedly insisted that ministers must not, and did not, mislead.

Lord Callaghan was spurred into a series of indignant denials that he had ever misled parliament and accused Mr Waldegrave of doing him an "unintentional injury." But, in a letter in reply, Mr Waldegrave did not withdraw the suggestion that the former Labour Chancellor had justifiably misled MPs in the run up to devaluation on November 18, 1967.

He told Lord Callaghan he had made no criticism of his conduct and that he had behaved in a responsible and statesmanlike way.

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Illingworth pads up to rescue England

RAY Illingworth, the former England captain, was yesterday appointed chairman of the England cricket selectors. He succeeds Ted Dexter, who resigned last August, after defeating Mike (M. J. K.) Smith by 11 votes to nine in a postal ballot of the Test and County Cricket Board.

Illingworth, 61, made it clear immediately that he would be a "hands-on" chairman in attempting to restore England's fortunes at Test level.

"I'm there to lead and I will have the final say," he said. "I want my voice to be heard and if you are going to be chairman of selectors then you must act as chairman. There would be no point in doing the job otherwise."

A Yorkshireman, he led England in 31 of his 61 Tests, notably when they regained the Ashes in Australia in 1971. He turned down the chance to become team manager in 1986 because he felt the position would not carry enough power.

He will give up a career in the media, from where he has never been reluctant to air his strong views, to take up the post. His forthright approach is thought to have won him late support over Smith, also a former England captain, who was seen as the establishment choice.

A measure of the size of Illingworth's task is that England have lost their last three Test series and were beaten in the first game of the current series in the Caribbean.

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Illingworth: man of forthright views

Ninth body found in Gloucester

BY BILL FROST

THE hunt for bodies in the Gloucester multiple murder enquiry was widened yesterday after a ninth set of human remains was found in the cellar of the house in Cromwell Street and police indicated that the final death toll could reach at least 13.

There was strong speculation that Frederick West's first wife Catherine Costello may be buried in a field at Kempley, near Gloucester, where police began searching with radar scanning equipment yesterday. The couple's daughter Charmaine has also disappeared without trace. It is believed that officers accompanied Mr West to the field secretly on Saturday.

Police would not comment on reports that all those who died had been strangled. Mr West, 52, has been charged with three murders. He will appear before Gloucester magistrates again tomorrow.

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German gunman kills six in court

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

A GERMAN gunman yesterday sprayed a full courtroom with bullets, killing at least six people including the judge and the man's former girl friend. The 39-year-old man then set off a home-made bomb that threw him through the window and across the street.

Dozens of injured people stumbled out of the courtroom in Euskirchen near Cologne, blood streaming down their faces. A child was among the many seriously injured.

A few minutes before, the judge had rejected the man's appeal against a DM7,200 (£2,900) fine for beating his girl friend. The man, whose name has not been released, evidently came prepared for revenge. He carried the bomb in a shoulder bag. "It's not normal to have tight security precautions at such a low-level court," said Jörg Pietrusky, the Bonn public prosecutor.

As the judge tried to telephone security guards, the killer shot him in the neck and jumped across the courtroom floor to beat the slumped figure. The gun was then turned on his former girl friend, and he shot her in the face and chest. After that his killing seemed to be random, mowing down bystanders.

Germans were stunned yesterday. A spokesman for the prosecutor's office, Michael Hermann said: "It will soon be like America here." Reinhard Birkenstock, a prominent defence lawyer, said: "Germany has not experienced an event like this before. Invariably those sentenced in German courts tend to swallow the verdict quietly. I have just come from a case where somebody was jailed for 15 years, he simply nodded and accepted it."

First indications are that the man was mentally disturbed. He has been identified only as a German from Euskirchen. Although he was fined for grievous bodily harm, this was his first serious offence, hence the fine, not a jail term.

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Redundant soldiers may replace MoD police

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

THOUSANDS of redundant soldiers may be recruited to replace Ministry of Defence police and form an armed home guard battalion responsible for protecting Britain's military establishments. Up to 3,000 MoD policemen and some unarmed MoD security guards could lose their jobs in the cost-cutting exercise.

The new battalion, to be known as the Military Home Service Engagement (MHSE), would be considerably cheaper to run than the existing force and would give the Defence Ministry greater control than it has over the present civilian force. A rump MoD police force (MDP) would retain existing civilian powers, such as the right to stop, search and detain people suspected of crime, which would not be available to soldiers of the MHSE.

The radical option is outlined in a confidential interim report by Sir John Blelloch, who is looking at the 5,000-strong MoD police. Sir John and his team say the option merits further investigation and it will now be studied by Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary. But Sir John also concedes that it would cause grave problems.

His report, a copy of which has been seen by *The Times*, says: "A key consideration would be the political and presentational problems arising in a situation where there were simultaneously multiple redundancies in the MDP and MGS (Military Guard Service) and a build-up of the MHSE, which might itself be recruiting from those made redundant by the services.

"Such problems could also be exacerbated if, as is likely, the redundancy costs of running down MDP [and MGS] numbers were significant." An initial analysis by the MDP secretariat suggests the redundancies could cost at least £36,000 per person.

The MoD police is the seventh largest force in Britain and is responsible for patrolling more than 120 military establishments and the Royal Mint. Officers enjoy similar pay and conditions to other policemen and the budget for the whole force for 1994-5 is estimated at £135 million. The report does not spell out how much the soldiers would receive if they took over, but it makes clear that Sir John and the three services believe they would be much cheaper.

Other options examined in the study, which began last summer, include greater use of regular soldiers and arming the MoD's civilian security guards. However, Sir John came down firmly on the side of the MHSE.

A spokesman for the MoD Police Federation, which represents the rank-and-file officers who would lose their jobs, said last night: "This can hardly be a serious option. We cannot see economic or other arguments for the creation of another force which would be essentially a Dad's Army of redundant soldiers.

"The work of the MDP routinely encompasses both security and policing in various degrees, and could not be done satisfactorily by the armed forces. This is an exercise in cynical political expediency to offload excess troops into a new and unnecessary tier of second-class soldiering and clearly flies in the face of the ministry's own 'front line first' initiative."

The Ministry of Defence refused to comment on any detail under consideration.

Sir John, a former Permanent Under-Secretary of State at the Northern Ireland Office, set out to "identify, and then to narrow down, the alternatives to the use of MDP in a number of its functions, but crucially those to do with the armed guarding task".

He says the threat to military establishments remains unchanged: "In addition to the security threat, defence establishments are at significant risk from fraud and other crimes including sabotage, theft and arson, as well as from demonstrators."



John Major and Nick Robinson of the DTI at a working breakfast in Portsmouth

Major does his homework before Portsmouth parade

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

IF IT is Wednesday it must be another marginal. Or two, to be precise, as John Major yesterday squeezed another meet-the-people tour into the dead space between Prime Minister's questions on Tuesday and Thursday.

This time, Majormania hit Portsmouth. HMS *Victory* and Henry VIII's *Mary Rose* have their resting places here and many D-Day landing craft set out from Pompey. But these are tough times for Britain's premier naval base. Options for Change and the defence cuts have stripped 25,000 jobs from the area.

Two Tory-held seats, Portsmouth South and Isle of Wight, lie ominously within reach of the Liberal Democrats, who share power on Portsmouth City Council and Hampshire County Council and have control of Isle of Wight County Council.

The day followed its familiar pattern of breakfast with local pillars of business and visits to sites of interest. Yesterday it was one of the area's best-performing grant-maintained schools, a D-Day museum and a small shipyard. But the media pack could think only of the headlines — "Waldegate" — and ignored the purpose of the visit. Mr Major was prepared. At the first opportunity he gave a full response to the barrage of questions about William Waldegrave's select committee evidence.

The Prime Minister remained relaxed despite the 7am start, and Oaklands Roman Catholic comprehensive school in Waterlooville, he revealed how. Asked how he withstood constant pressure, Mr Major replied: "If you read a bit, listen to music a bit, watch rugby and cricket a bit, it helps."

The advice came just after the Prime Minister had suffered his second interrogation mauling of the week. On Monday the fearless Jimmy Young stunned Westminster with the ferocity of his questioning. Yesterday it was Gillian Pennington, 16.

A self-confident young woman with parliamentary ambitions, Ms Pennington not only asked the big question on the Waldegrave affair but fired a vicious supplementary when she was not satisfied with the response. Unlike John Smith, who gets three bites of the cherry, she was pulled up short by the headmaster.

For John Major it was one of the few irritations during politically undemanding day. Whether it makes the two vulnerable seats one vote safer must remain to be seen.

Howard defends renewal of terror Act

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ROBERT MORGAN

MICHAEL Howard put up a robust defence of Britain's anti-terrorist laws last night as he clashed bitterly with Labour over its attempts to amend them. The Home Secretary claimed that any party wanting to strip the police of ammunition to fight terrorism was unfit to govern.

Mr Howard accused Labour of trying to placate its left wing by opposing the Prevention of Terrorism Act over the past decade. Tony Blair, shadow Home Secretary, argued that Mr Howard was allowing anti-terror laws to divide the Commons for party political advantage.

Yesterday's acrimonious exchanges in the Commons followed Labour's failure to persuade the Prime Minister to accept amendments to the Act which would have allowed Labour to back it last night.

Mr Major ordered an investigation after details of a private meeting he had held with John Smith on the issue last week had leaked to the Sunday press. Downing Street officials said yesterday that the enquiry had been inconclusive. The Northern Ireland Office and the Home Office denied responsibility and Mr Major has cleared No 10 of blame.

Labour has, in recent years, opposed two parts of the Act. It wants the Government to repeal powers to exclude terrorist suspects from Britain, and it objects to the Home Secretary's powers to detain suspects for up to seven days without a judicial review.

Mr Howard said that the Act was "an indispensable means of protecting the public against lawless and murderous criminals". He said he would welcome a common approach but the way to do that was not for the Government to give up powers but for Labour to recognise that they were essential.

Mr Blair said that Labour shared a "total and complete abhorrence of terrorism and a desire to defeat it". However, he claimed the powers in the Act breached the normal rules of law and argued that the IRA was using the provision to gain publicity abroad.

MPs voted to renew the Act by 328 to 242.

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Hypocrites hound man of honesty for telling the truth

It is a mad world into which William Waldegrave has stumbled.

Not least among its ironies was a complaint to the Home Secretary yesterday from Peter Mandelson (Lab. Hartlepool). Mr Howard's department, Mandelson said, had "leaked" information concerning confidential inter-party discussions about the Terrorism Act. Worse, he added: by failing to deny it, the Home Secretary had effectively confirmed the existence of such an arrangement.

But it did exist. The truth! Leaked! Not denied! Horrors! To test Opposition MPs' commitment to complete honesty in all circumstances, perhaps someone should have tabled a question to the Home Secretary asking whether he was indeed having discussions with Opposition spokesmen about the Act.

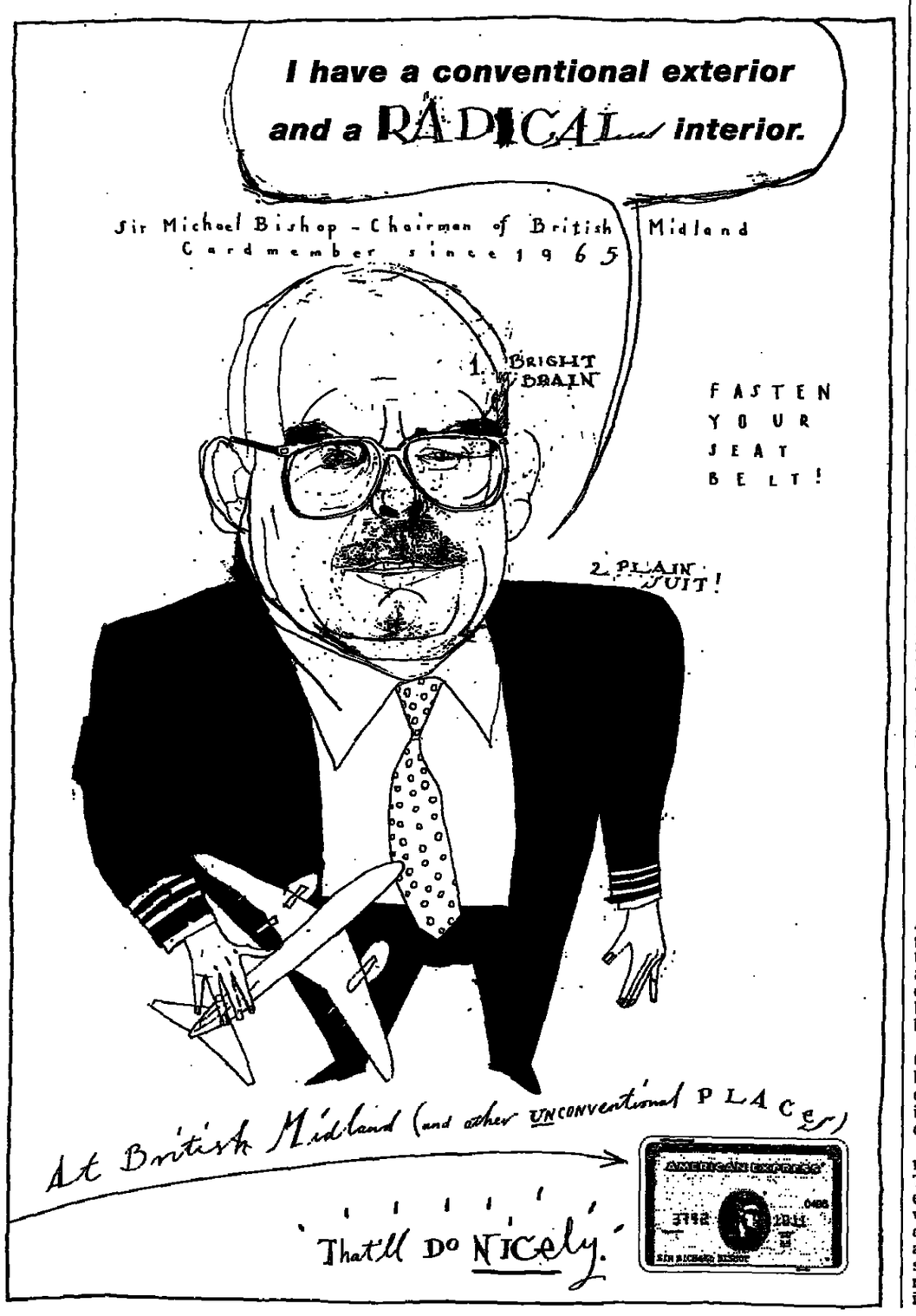
If you want to know why the British public and its news media get liars for their politicians, just look at what we do to those who try to tell the truth. Here we go again, sniffing around our political leaders, picking up the scent of any intellect bolder than the others, and hounding him down. Political commentary seems to consist in ambushing anyone so incautious as to tell us truths we do not wish to hear, shrieking "gaffe! gaffe!" like parrots, and baiting him into oblivion. We take pot-shots at every head that appears above the parapet, then notice that we are left only with pygmies for politicians. Then we write columns bemoaning our leaders' lack of stature.

We mob, ridicule and finally destroy those who try to refresh our politics, and then complain that our politics is stale. Every time a politician stands up, we break his legs. We end up with those whose only posture is to crouch. And then we rail against timidity! Truly, we are a most hypocritical people. Crouching very plausibly at the dispatch box yesterday was the Home Secretary himself. Michael Howard was pretending, what the whole world knows to be untrue, that it is a matter of sorrow to the Conservative Party that the Labour Party cannot support the Prevention of Terrorism Act. Howard, whose dispatch box performance gets more polished by the month, put on a convincing display of indignation at Labour's doubts, and seemed to argue that on an important matter affecting security it was always wrong not to accept the advice of the police.

Crouching (to his credit) a little less comfortably on his side of the divide, Tony Blair, Labour's principal home affairs spokesman, put on a half-convincing display of promoting no more than British justice, though the whole world knows he is seeking also to keep the left of his party, who irritate him beyond measure, on board.

For the better part of an hour, Howard and Blair shadow-boxed with skill and circumspection. Much of Howard's speech was devoted to insinuating what is not true, that the Opposition's commitment to fighting terrorism is half-hearted. Much of Blair's speech was devoted to denying what is true, that among his real purposes in proposing a commission of enquiry is getting his party off the hook of appearing to undermine an anti-terrorist measure. Both were far too careful to commit themselves to any factual claim whose falsity might be objectively demonstrated.

Both, if asked, would deny that a responsible minister ever lies to the Commons. They will prosper. In the mad world which Mr Waldegrave has described, the man who says he never lies is accounted more honest than the man who admits he might.



Free nursing care not guaranteed

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS who became chronically ill after a road accident or a stroke could no longer be guaranteed free nursing care because of changes in the law, the chief executive of the NHS said yesterday.

Sir Duncan Nichol said patients who suffered brain damage or a disabling illness, but who were judged not to require long-term medical care, may have to pay charges in a private nursing home. But if they needed health care — whether in hospital or a nursing home — the NHS would pay.

However, Sir Duncan later admitted that there was "no clear boundary" between health and social care. Under the community care legislation, patients admitted to private nursing homes are subject to a means test.

The erosion of the right to free long-term care, a founding principle of the NHS for more than 40 years, was condemned by Labour MPs. They cited guidance issued by the Health Department in 1989 and 1991 which said that health authorities had a responsibility under the NHS Act to provide nursing care for those who "cannot or do not wish to pay for it".

Sir Duncan, who was appearing before the Commons select committee on the health service ombudsman, was answering questions about a case in which Leeds Health Authority discharged a man who had suffered brain damage following a stroke to a private nursing home and told his family they would have to pay the fees of £330 a week. The man unable to speak or feed himself, had a kidney tumour and suffered epileptic fits but the consultant in charge decided nothing more could be done for him.

The authority's action was severely criticised by William Reid, the health service ombudsman, who issued a separate report to Parliament on the case.

Philip Hunt, director of the National Association of Health Authorities and Trusts, said that the case placed a financial time bomb under health authorities if they were required to provide care for all such patients.

Whitehall agencies 'rife with mistrust'

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

A DEEP mistrust between government departments and their newly created executive agencies has been discovered during an audit of Whitehall by a senior French bureaucrat.

Sylvie Trosa, from the Conseil Scientific de l'Evaluation in Paris, discovered an atmosphere of hostility between mandarins and chief executives.

During a six-month secondment to the Cabint Office, Ms Trosa visited 26 agency chief executives. While her report, which has been described by one senior Whitehall official as a "weighty piece of analysis", endorses the Government's executive agency initiative, it accuses Whitehall departments of excessive interference in the day-to-day management of the agencies.

A total of 91 executive agencies have been created since 1988, ranging from the Passport Agency to the Benefits Agency, in an attempt to instil private-sector management skills into public sector services and to boost efficiency.

The 80-page report concluded that there was a considerable cultural gap between departments and their agencies. Agencies resented departmental controls, and departments saw agencies "as little fortresses following their own aims", it said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Malaysia reaffirms ban on British trade

The Malaysian cabinet reaffirmed the ban on giving government contracts to British firms yesterday. Abdullah Badawi, the Foreign Minister, said after the weekly cabinet meeting that "our stand remains unchanged. There were no new decisions."

Much of the meeting was devoted to examining British press reports. Doctor Mahathir Mohamad, the Prime Minister, plainly expects British newspapers to show greater respect for Malaysia before he will reconsider his trade ban. Current policy is to allow the controversy to simmer quietly. The belligerent rhetoric has now ended and diplomatic efforts to resolve the conflict are expected to bear fruit, although government officials said that further "insults" by British newspapers could delay or scuttle a solution.

Boy on rape charge

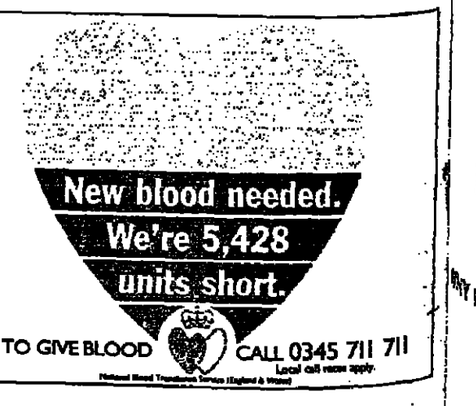
The first 12-year-old boy charged with rape since Britain's law changed last year was sent for trial yesterday. The boy, now 13, appeared before the youth court at Newport, Isle of Wight, accused of raping a girl of 12 at Cowes last November. His parents sat either side of him during the 10-minute hearing. He will be tried at Winchester Crown Court on a date to be fixed. He was remanded on bail, with conditions that he lives with his parents, observes a curfew, does not visit Cowes and has no contact with prosecution witnesses.

Police in pay dispute

Pay talks have collapsed between senior police officers, the Home Office and local authorities. Representatives of nearly 3,000 superintendents and chief superintendents say pay proposals mean cuts of thousands of pounds. They are already fighting plans to end the rank of chief superintendent. The dispute is now heading for arbitration.

Phantom back on song

Dave Willetts, star of *Phantom of the Opera* at the Manchester Opera House, is expected to return to the leading role today. He injured himself on Tuesday evening when he fell 10ft from scenery after the interval, causing the rest of the show to be called off. Mr Willetts was treated for concussion but left hospital yesterday.



Grace Kelly's love letters reveal Hollywood affairs

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

LETTERS in which Princess Grace of Monaco described her life and loves as a film star before marriage, and confided that she suffered a miscarriage two years before the birth of her daughter Stephanie, are expected to fetch as much as £100,000 when they are auctioned in Los Angeles later this month.

The letters, sent over 20 years to her closest confidante Prudence Wise, have been kept hidden for more than three decades.

They show that, as Grace Kelly, the princess enjoyed a hectic private life which frequently upset her parents, and belied her later image as an unimpeachably poised and proper member of European royalty.

In the collection of 117 letters, postcards and photographs sent to her lifelong friend, the woman who came to personify regal poise and serenity wears her heart on her sleeve. "I just lost the baby two weeks ago after three months. I was devastated," she wrote to 'Prudy' in 1963, seven years after her marriage to Prince Rainier. The letter continues: "I actually just got out of bed. I am shaken mentally and physically."

Earlier letters recount the highs and lows of the actress's life in equal measure. The first in the collection, dated April 13, 1949, describes in eight sad pages the abrupt end of the future princess's early love affair with Don Richardson because of her parents' disapproval.

"Don came down Saturday," Kelly wrote. "The whole situation couldn't have been more gruesome. They dislike Don immensely and the fact that I could fall in love with a Jew was just beyond them."

The future princess was notoriously susceptible to the attractions of older men, and had affairs with Gary Cooper, Cary Grant, Bing Crosby and David Niven. She escaped her parents' scrutiny of her love life when filming *Mogambo* with Clark Gable in Kenya in 1953.

She sent Prudy regular updates on her romance with her 51-year-old co-star, including a description of a romantic swim: "Yesterday we had a day off — Clark and I rode in a jeep for three hours to get to Bukoba — the nearest town — on Lake Victoria. We had a horrible lunch at the hotel there and then a delicious swim in the lake.

"We had to go in our underwear. It was a riot, as you can well imagine . . ."

A letter of the following year refers to her secret engagement to fashion designer Oleg Cassini, then aged 41. "Had dinner with Bing [Crosby] one night . . . my father isn't very happy over the prospect of Oleg as a son-in-law."

Two years later, with her father's approval, she became Princess Grace after meeting Prince Rainier while filming *To Catch A Thief* on location in Monaco.

Princess Grace's letters are to be sold at what is billed as the world's largest memorabilia auction , taking place at the Superior Auction Galleries in Beverley Hills on March 26.

Proceeds of the sale will go to Terry Kinsella, a Los Angeles memorabilia dealer who bought the letters from Princess Grace's estate and has written a book based on them.

Mr Kinsella believes that many of the affairs that Grace Kelly was supposed to have had in her heyday as an actress in 1950s Hollywood were invented by reporters hungry for stories about her private life yet frustrated by her refusal to give interviews beyond those required of her by the studios.



Grace Kelly with Bing Crosby in *High Society*

Suicide the only possible verdict, says coroner

Doctor warned earl about shotgun

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telephoned him to say she had threatened suicide.

Lady Caithness was seeing a psychotherapist and a consultant psychiatrist to whom she expressed self-destructive thoughts on numerous occasions. She was given medication to combat her depression and to help her to sleep.

"When I have had patients threaten suicide with firearms and shotguns I have asked the police to remove the weapons from the house," Dr Goves said. "On this occasion I asked Lord Caithness to ensure that the weapons were kept locked in a cupboard. He assured me this would be the case and that he had the key."

Dr Goves also disagreed with Lord Caithness over the timing of his wife's death. He said that he had arrived at the house within 20 minutes of receiving the earl's call at about 6.30pm, but he believed Lady Caithness to have been dead for two or three hours.

A statement was also read from the next-door neighbour Jane Lambert, who had heard the sound of a gunshot between 3pm and 3.30pm that afternoon. The statement said she heard no further strange noises that day.

Questioned about the discrepancy, Lord Caithness said that he had worked out the timings partly on the basis of his memory of when the television programmes had been on. PC Raymond Mayo, who was called to the house at about 6.30pm said he believed the weapon had been fired in the previous two hours and in his summing up, the coroner accepted that the time of death was about 6.30pm.

PC Mayo said Lady Caithness was found lying on the floor on the dog's bed with the gun between her legs. She had taken off her right shoe so she could use her foot to press the trigger, because her arms were too short to reach it with the gun barrel in her mouth.

The gun cupboard key was back in its place in the earl's study, and the police checked that it was possible to open the cupboard under the stairs without being heard from the nursery. PC Mayo said that the police investigation into the case had concluded that there were no suspicious circumstances. A search for a suicide note yielded nothing.

The coroner, Nicholas Gardiner, concluded that Lady Caithness had been going through a "difficult period" and that in the ten minutes after leaving her husband and her daughter playing cards, Lady Caithness had taken the keys of the gun cabinet, removed the gun, relocked it, collected two cartridges, made herself comfortable in her bedroom, and using her right toe to shoot the gun, she had taken her life.

"I cannot conceive that this could have been an accident," he said. "I can only record the verdict that she took her own life."

Lord Caithness left the court separately from his parents-in-law, who have blamed his relationship with another woman for their daughter's death, and they exchanged neither words nor glances.

Mr Gardiner had opened the hearing with a warning that the purpose of the hearing was to establish only the identity of the deceased, how, when and where she died, and was "not to be taken as a pretext for unnecessary prying into the personal affairs of the family".

Lady Caithness's parents, Major Richard Coke and his wife Molly, watched intently as each witness gave evidence. Shortly after their daughter's death they had publicly blamed the earl's relationship with Jan Fitzalan-Howard, the former secretary to the Princess Royal, for the unhappiness of Lady Caithness.

Major Coke only showed emotion once, closing his eyes for a brief period after the pathologist, Dr Godman Greywoode, concluded his detailed description of his post-mortem by declaring that the cause of death was "severe head injury as a consequence of shotgun wound to the head through the mouth".

Mrs Coke, a romantic novelist, never flinched as she peered at the witness box through tortoise shell-rimmed spectacles, a yellow scarf about her head.

CHRIS HARRIS



Major Richard Coke, left, and his wife Molly, right, consoled by a friend yesterday

Wife weeps as sailor tells of Wren affair

THE wife of a Royal Navy engineer wept in court yesterday as he told of his affair with a married Wren from his ship.

Mo Luff was comforted by a friend as she listened to her husband Ian telling a court martial in Portsmouth that he had telephoned her from Spain and asked her forgiveness after jumping ship with Wren Sylvia Panter and £11,000 from HMS *Invincible's* safe. Before he rang, an article had appeared in *The Sun* in which he and Wren Panter said they intended to set up home together.

Petty Officer Luff, 30, told the court: "I asked my wife to listen to what I had to say. I asked her if she would have me back. I asked her if she could forgive me. She said 'Yes' and that she just wanted me back home." When he returned to Britain, he said that he felt guilty and depressed.

PO Luff and Wren Panter, 27, had started an affair three weeks before leaving their ship in Corfu. They gave themselves up in Barcelona after nine days, having spent more than £2,000.

He told the court that he had begun the affair only three days after he was warned by a senior officer against the relationship. He claimed that the liaison with Wren Panter, who was nicknamed the Beamish Queen because of her liking for stout, was a "spur-of-the-moment thing".

On the day they jumped ship, Wren Panter had become extremely upset because her shore leave in Corfu had been cancelled. After several glasses of stout, she began shaking, crying and waving her arms about, he said.

She said she needed to get away from the ship and he decided to go with her to prevent her from coming to harm.

"I was very concerned for her welfare," he said. "She actually said if she didn't get off [the ship], she would jump off. I thought she meant she was going to throw herself over the side."

PO Luff, of Sandown, Isle of Wight, and Wren Panter, of Camberley, Surrey, admit misapplying ship funds and going absent without leave, but deny theft and desertion. The hearing continues.

School reforms 'drove teacher to his death'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

A TEACHER found hanged at his home was driven to a premature death by the pressure of the Government's school reforms, his widow said last night.

Joseph Simmonds, 50, a craft teacher at Highfields School, Penn, West Midlands, had complained of being deluged by paperwork, spending hours on pupil assessments and being forced to cope with more and more pupils. A final straw was having to scavenge in skips and timber yards for classroom materials.

Joan Simmonds, 49, said: "The blame for my husband's death lies squarely on the shoulders of the school." His son Ian, 26, said: "What has happened to my father could happen to many teachers who nowadays suffer the same kind of pressure. We are speaking out in the hope we can make teachers realise what the important things are in life.

"My mother wants to make teachers realise what's really important — the family and the school children. It's not the system, the reports and the paperwork."

Mrs Simmonds found her husband dead at their home on Monday. He had recently taken two weeks off work suffering from anxiety. When he returned he said the pressure was greater than ever.

Mr Simmonds became a craft, design and technology teacher at the school nine years ago after he was made redundant as a toolmaster.

Sex bias case

'Dainty' garage girl wins £24,000

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGE girl who was turned down for a job as a mechanic because she was considered too dainty was awarded more than £24,000 yesterday when she won her claim of sex discrimination.

Karen Bishop, now 17, was refused two jobs by Cooper Thames Ditton, a BMW dealer of Surrey. At one point she was offered one of the jobs but was told two days later that she had been rejected. Both jobs were given to boys.

An industrial tribunal in Croydon said yesterday: "We are satisfied the applicant was at least second for the jobs and that she was better than one of the two people taken on." Miss Bishop, then 15, was the only candidate to have the GCSE stipulated in the job advertisement.

The tribunal decided she was unfairly denied an apprenticeship in favour of two 16-year-old boys simply because she was female. Miss Bishop, who said afterwards she was ecstatic, was given £3,500 for injury to feelings and £20,889 loss of earnings. Interest is expected to bring the total she receives to close to £30,000.

Miss Bishop, of Cobham, Surrey, said: "I was pretty depressed at the prospect of being turned down because I was a girl. Now I look at it as their loss."

Elaine Donnelly, the tribunal chairman, said she and her colleagues were concerned that Cooper Thames Ditton first told the girl she had been successful in applying for a four-year apprenticeship and then informed her two days later that she had not got the job.

"She had gone out of her way to go into an area unusual for girls. She had tried to make her way on her own initiative. To be told she had first got a job and then that she hadn't is behaviour we do not approve of," she said.

Miss Donnelly said comments at the girl's job interview in 1992 that new shower facilities would have to be installed for her pointed to discrimination. She also criticised evidence from managers who said they wanted candidates to "fit in".

Such comments were like a "warning light" to tribunals hearing cases of this sort, she said. "There was a male environment. The choice of the boys rather than the applicant was because they were more likely to fit in because they were men."

The three-day hearing heard that Miss Bishop had given up a place on a college course after being told she had the job. Miss Donnelly said Cooper's service manager used his influence to get her reinstated on the course when his firm withdrew its offer.

Miss Bishop had told the hearing how those interviewing her for the apprenticeship had asked whether she minded getting her hands dirty or scratched. She was also questioned about whether she thought she was strong enough for the job.

Miss Bishop, who is taking motor vehicle studies at Guildford College, said after the hearing: "This experience has made me more determined than ever to continue in the motor trade. I passed my test two weeks ago and drive a Mini. I might use some of the money on a new car, but it won't be a BMW."



Karen Bishop: "I look at it as their loss"

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Solicitors join attack on new payments for crime victims

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

PRESSURE on the Government to abandon its controversial compensation scheme for victims of crime intensified yesterday when the Law Society pledged financial backing for a challenge in the courts.

Just 24 hours after John Smith, the Labour leader, rounded on the Prime Minister over the proposals, which are due to come in on April 1, the solicitors' professional body said it would pay the costs of legal action.

Anne Coles, the society's legal adviser, said: "Solicitors feel very concerned about the unfairness of the proposed scheme which takes no account of individual victims' circumstances or loss of income."

She said the strength of feeling was such that lawyers would also be likely to offer their services free if legal action went ahead. Counsel's advice is now being taken on the chances of a successful legal challenge.

The Government is proposing to introduce a tariff system for compensating victims of crime, linked to the type of injury, in place of the present system in which individual awards are linked with the circumstances of each case. Critics say the planned system is too crude.

On Wednesday the Home Secretary admitted that the changes could save the Government £250 million a year up to the end of the decade. A clear aim of the scheme is to tackle the cost of compensating victims at a time when crime is rising.

Yesterday new figures from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board showed that a record £152 million was paid out to victims of violence in 1992-3, 6 per cent more than the previous year's record figure. Since the scheme was introduced in 1964, more than £909 million has been paid out, of which £405 million was in the past three years. Applications rose by 7.5 per cent and 58,688 cases were settled.

The new scheme has been castigated by a distinguished line-up of legal figures led by the former law lord Lord Ackner, and including two other former law lords, Lord Bridge of Harwich and Lord Brightman, as well as Lord Alexander of Weedon QC, the Conservative peer, and Lord Carlisle of Bucklow QC, the chairman of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board.

They maintain that the proposals will be grossly unfair to victims and mean far lower awards than at present as they exclude both loss of earnings and the cost of medical care.

Lord Ackner and other leading lawyers also argue that the scheme is illegal as it breaches the 1988 Criminal Justice Act which made provision for the present scheme to be placed on a statutory footing. Parliamentary approval would be needed before any change.

Under the new tariff scheme, the top award — perhaps to a victim with permanent brain damage and no control of their functions — would be £250,000.

The British Security Industry Association also called on the Government to rethink the proposals yesterday, describing them as totally inadequate. It said many employees involved in transporting cash and valuables "have faced a gunman more often than do most police officers in the course of a lifetime of service".

One Securicor employee paralysed ten years ago by gunshot wounds was awarded £500,000, of which £425,00 was for loss of future earnings and the cost of adapting a house. Under the new proposals, the award would be just half that sum.



Catherine Russell, left, and Barbara Flynn in the new drama *Chandler & Co*

£25m savings help BBC curb repeats

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC television will show an extra 110 hours of original programmes between June and August to avoid a recurrence of its dismal performance last summer when 25 per cent of its schedule was repeats.

The drama *EastEnders* will be given an extra third episode a week from the middle of next month, bringing it into line with its ITV rival *Coronation Street*.

Alan Yentob, BBC1's controller, said that the corporation had made efficiency savings of £25 million which had been spent on new productions. The savings will be seen as a vindication of Producer Choice, the controversial market-oriented drive introduced last April.

Mr Yentob said: "The money has been found from shifting budgets around, economies, and from striking harder deals with our resource departments."

The changes are part of BBC television's £220 million spring and summer schedules, which bear the first fuits of the corporation's programme strategy review, ordered last year by John Birt, the director general, and carried out by Mr Yentob and Liz Forgan, managing director of BBC radio.

There will be a new series of *QED* on BBC1. Leisure output has also been increased with several new series such as *Rhodes Around Britain*, when chef Gary Rhodes samples regional cuisine, and *The Great Antiques Hunt* in which contestants will test their knowledge of antiques.

A documentary will mark the 25th anniversary of British troops in Ulster and BBC2 will mark its 30th birthday next month with an evening of programmes presented by Sir David Attenborough, the station's second controller.

A six-part BBC2 documentary on the Diplomatic Service, *True Brits*, includes footage of the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary being briefed by officials. New drama also includes *Chandler & Co*, a series about two women private detectives starring Catherine Russell and Barbara Flynn.

Bowbelle skipper suspended

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE skipper of the dredger involved in the *Marchioness* disaster on the Thames in 1989 has been suspended from duty shortly after returning to sea.

Douglas Henderson, 38, captain of the *Bowbelle* when it ran down the *Marchioness* pleasure cruiser, with the loss of 51 lives, is alleged to have been drunk on duty on his latest vessel.

Mr Henderson, who obtained his master's certificate a year before the *Marchioness* accident, had been working until recently as a taxi driver on Tyneside. In the latest incident he was one of the crew of *Sand Kestrel*, a dredger sailing to Holland from Newcastle upon Tyne. It is owned by South Coast Shipping, which owned the *Bowbelle*.

During the crossing, a crew member reported Mr Henderson drunk. When the dredger arrived in Amsterdam he was told to fly home.

Mr Henderson said: "I am in a very difficult position. I have nothing to say."

He was cleared of negligence in the *Marchioness* case after two juries failed to agree a verdict.

Son burnt mother's historic mill

BY JOHN YOUNG

A MAN was jailed for four years yesterday for burning down an historic water mill his mother wanted to restore and leave to the nation.

Chelmsford Crown Court was told that John Turner, 45, a transport manager, had deliberately set fire to the 18th century mill on the River Pant at Great Bardfield, Essex, because he feared hordes of tourists would devalue his house next door.

His mother Florence, 69, had owned the mill for 37 years, but in April last year, a week before she was due to sign a contract with Essex County Council to lease the mill for 99 years, Turner burnt the four-storey building to the ground. Andrew Williams, for the prosecution, said Turner was seen driving away from the area.

Turner told the court he had not been near the mill.

Judge Watling told him: "You deliberately set light to that mill. You had no regard for the safety of your mother, who you knew would be in part of the house because she was expecting her grandchildren to visit. To sort out your affairs, you deliberately destroyed a priceless piece of English heritage."

Pit bull to stay on death row

AN AMERICAN pit bull terrier, ordered to be destroyed 20 months ago after its muzzle was removed in public when it was ill, remained on death row yesterday when two High Court judges said they could show the animal no mercy.

Dempsey, owned by Dianne Fanneran, 46, of Hanwell, west London, was taken for a walk in Ealing in April 1992 by Mark Cichon, 25, her nephew. The dog was suffering from kennel cough and when he removed the muzzle Dempsey was sick.

But the scene was witnessed by police, and Ealing magistrates fined Mr Cichon £50 for having the dog unmuzzled in a public place, told him to pay £50 costs and ordered Dempsey's destruction.

Dismissing the appeal, Lord Justice Balcombe and Mr Justice Schiemann said the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act did not allow a defence that it was necessary to take off Dempsey's muzzle to save her from unnecessary suffering. Neither statute nor common law allowed a person "to make a value judgment between what is good for the dog, as opposed to the safety of the public".

Both judges agreed the case raised a matter of public importance that should be considered by the House of Lords.

Car exhaust dust 'killing thousands'

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

FINE particles from car exhausts could be killing 10,000 people a year in England and Wales, according to calculations by an American specialist. Most at risk are the old and those suffering from pneumonia, chronic lung diseases or heart disease.

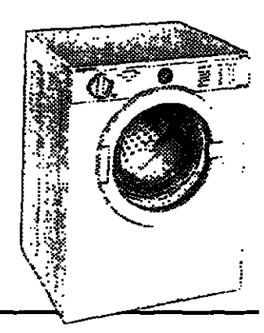
Research has shown that the particles are drawn into the lungs, carrying chemicals, including acids, with them. Professor Stephen Holgate, a leading adviser to the Department of Health, has now changed his mind about the risk posed by the particles.

Two years ago, he chaired an advisory group which claimed that the particles, known as PM10, posed no significant threat to health. The new research "provides convincing evidence for a link between mortality and PM10", he says in this week's *New Scientist*.

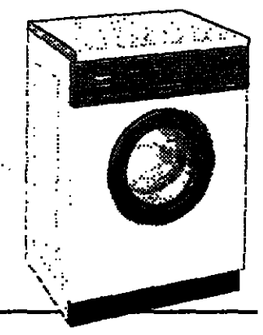
Just how many deaths the particles cause is difficult to estimate, but Joel Schwartz, an epidemiologist from the US Environmental Protection Agency, says in the same issue that for every 10 microgram per cubic metre increase in PM10, deaths increase by 1 per cent.

Average levels of PM10 in British cities are about 28 micrograms, which means that about 2.8 per cent of deaths in urban areas might be attributable to PM10. This translates to a death rate among city-dwellers attributable to PM10 of about 10,000.

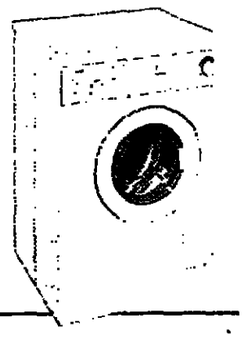
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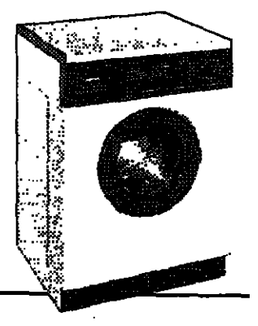


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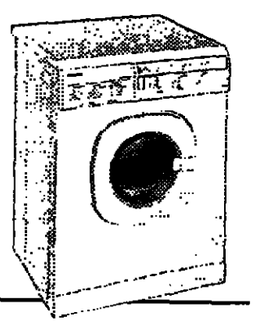


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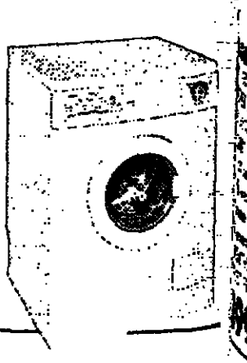
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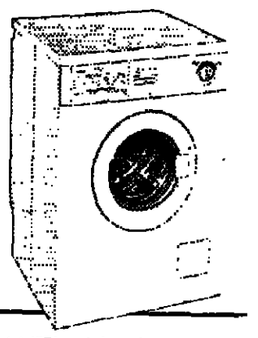
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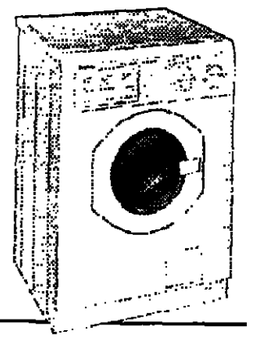
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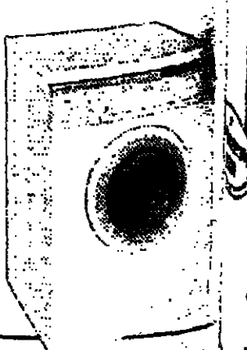
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Press handlers: Colin Handy and Hilary Allison

Unflappable pair answer to the world in Gloucester

As the search for bodies continues at Cromwell Street, two expert handlers are keeping the attendant press pack in line

BY BILL FROST

NOTHING in the history of Gloucestershire police can have prepared the force for the multiple murder enquiry at 25 Cromwell Street and the media invasion which has followed.

The press corps' appetite for each new discovery at first horrified detectives who were unused to Fleet Street ways. But Gloucestershire police caught on quickly and produced a pair of accomplished and unflappable media handlers.

Standing on the rain-soaked steps of Gloucester police station yesterday, Hilary Allison, the force's first civilian — and female — press officer, smiled at a sea of television cameras and lights.

The 29-year-old former local newspaper reporter, who seems to wear a new outfit each time she appears, is helpful, efficient and patient — characteristics entirely absent in many of her counterparts on other forces.

Miss Allison is also a "natural" in front of any camera. She said: "During the last two weeks I have given interviews for television companies from as far afield as Japan, America and New Zealand.

"When this case started I expected a lot of national interest, but the international spotlight has staggered me. You are never really prepared for attention of this magnitude."

Miss Allison shares centre-stage with Chief Insp Colin Handy, an officer with the suntan and wardrobe of a film star. He has rubbed shoulders with royalty at Gatcombe Park, the Princess Royal's home, and at the Prince of Wales's Highgrove retreat.

Mr Handy, 47, who is married with two children, has also mastered the art of briefing reporters.

Next month, his first book will be published, a selection of Gloucestershire country walks. Reporters find it difficult to imagine him swapping his elegant blue blazer for a Barbour and boots. For the moment, though, his attention is focused on what others are writing.

The pair are caught in a sometimes vitriolic crossfire between the murder enquiry team and reporters demanding more information than the force is willing to release. Should too much appear in the press, the pair are dressed down by detectives. Similarly, journalists will criticise them if they feel they are being kept in the dark unnecessarily.

The wags have christened them Richard and Judy, a reference to the morning television presenters Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan.

Det Supt John Bennett, the officer leading the enquiry, withdrew temporarily from the limelight for most of this week. He is described as "a copper's copper" in the mould of television's Inspector Wexford.

Det Supt Bennett, 48, gives the impression on occasion that he finds the attention of the world's press irksome. His manner can sometimes seem abrupt. Colleagues say he is a meticulous investigator who approaches every enquiry with an open mind and sifts through evidence painstakingly.

His big investigations in the last two years have included the unsolved killings of Richard Miles, a bachelor found stabbed in his garden at Stonehouse, and Carol Clark, a prostitute from Bristol whose body was discovered in Sharpness docks, Gloucestershire.

A fellow officer paid tribute to Det Supt Bennett's abilities, saying: "Don't let the broad Gloucester accent fool you. He is completely thorough, he follows up everything and when he takes charge people know exactly where they are."



JULIAN HERBERT

Det Supt John Bennett: "He is a copper's copper"

Baseball bat thug faces life

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN who repeatedly beat a woman shopper over the head with a baseball bat was warned yesterday that he could be locked up for life.

The Old Bailey had been told that Mark Henry, 25, almost killed the woman when he attacked her in July last year as she loaded shopping into her BMW outside a supermarket in East Sheen, southwest London.

Doris Thompson, 46, had two operations to remove blood clots from the brain and wears a wig to cover the damage to her head.

Henry, described as a schizophrenic, was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm with intent but was cleared of attempted murder. He was remanded to a secure psychiatric hospital for reports on his mental condition.

Judge Denison said: "In view of his history of violence and the nature of these offences I have in mind, at the moment, an indeterminate sentence."

The court was told that Henry, from Kilburn, northwest London, had a string of previous convictions for threatening and attacking strangers.

Orlando Pownall, for the prosecution, said Henry picked out women driving BMW cars. The day before he attacked Mrs Thompson, he had threatened a woman in a BMW at a supermarket in Wandsworth, southwest London, with the baseball bat.

Britons left stranded by air collapse

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND HARVEY ELLIOTT

HUNDREDS of Britons have been stranded in India after the suspension of flights by Tajik Air, set up with the backing of the British Government to fly from the former Soviet republic of Tajikistan. The airline owes nearly $4 million and its one leased aircraft has been taken back by United Airlines.

The airline began flying in December, operating four flights a week between Heathrow and Dushanbe, the Tajik capital. It had landing rights in Delhi and Karachi, the final destinations of most of its passengers. Tickets were as cheap as £325.

Creditors, including travel agents and airline insurance brokers, became concerned at Christmas when few of the steadily growing bills were paid. Flights were ended on February 14, since when five Tajik crew have been stranded in London.

The Government has washed its hands of the affair and claims it can do nothing to help. The Foreign Office maintains that it knows of no one being stranded.

The Transport Department issued a permit to the airline in October to fly under an agreement between Britain and Tajikistan. Under international law the country in which the airline is registered is responsible for ensuring its financial standing. Britain therefore had no say in vetting Tajik Air.

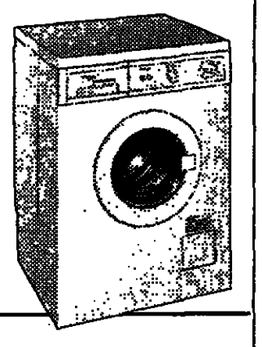
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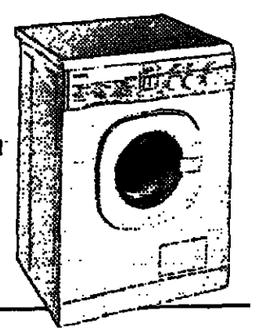


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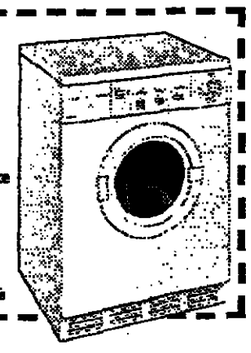


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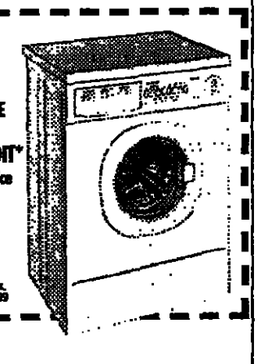
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KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Sicilian Defence

IN recent tournaments, it has been noticeable that the Sicilian Defence has been scoring excellently for Black. In the following game from the super-tournament in Linares, Spain, the young Russian hope Vladimir Kramnik outmanoeuvres Judith Polgar with a variation of the Sicilian that has been proving particularly successful.

White: Judith Polgar
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Linares, March 1994

Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5	19	Qc4	Rxd1+
2	Nf3	Nc6	20	Rxd1	Qxe5
3	d4	cxd4	21	gxf5	exf5
4	Nxd4	Nf6	22	Qxc6	Rb8
5	Nc3	d6	23	Qg2	h6
6	Bg5	e6	24	Ke1	Kh8
7	Qd2	Be7	25	e3	f4
8	0-0-0	0-0	26	Qf3	Qf6
9	f4	Nxd4	27	Rd3	Qb6
10	Qxd4	Qa5	28	b3	Re8
11	Bc4	Bd7	29	Nd5	Qg1+
12	e5	dxe5	30	Ke2	Kg7
13	fxe5	Bc8	31	b4	Qc1
14	Bxf6	gxf6	32	Rc3	Re1
15	Bd5	f5	33	Kb3	Re5
16	Bxc6	bxc6	34	Qd3	Qb1+
17	g4	Bg5+	35	Ka4	Qh1
18	Kb1	Rad8	36	Rc5	Qe4
			37	Qc3	f3
			38	Nb6	Bf6
			39	Nd7	Rf5
			40	Qd2	f2
			41	Qd6	f1Q
			42	Qf8+	Kg6
			43	Qg8+	Bg7
			44	Nf8+	Kh5
			45	Qd7+	Kh4

White resigns

Results so far

The following crosstable gives the totals so far and results of every game played in the Linares super-tournament, the strongest annual event in the chess calendar. Until the tournament ends on March 14, these results will be regularly updated in *The Times*.

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
1	Karpov	*	½		½	1			1	1	1	1	1	1		6
2	Kasparov	½	*		½	½	1		½		1	1	1	1		7
3	Kramnik			*		0		½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	5½
4	Shirov	½	½		*	1				0	0	1	1	1	½	5½
5	Topalov	0	½	1	0	*	½	1					1	0	1	5
6	Kamsky		0			½	*	0		1	½	1	½	½	1	5
7	Anand			½		0	1	*	½	0	½	1	0		1	4½
8	Gelfand	0	½	½			½	*	½	*	1		½	½	½	4½
9	Lautier	0		½	1		0	1	½	*	½	0			½	4
10	Barsev	0	0	1			½	½	0	½	*				1	4
11	Bareev	0	0	0	0		0	0		1		*		1	1	3
12	Ivanchuk	0	0	½	0	0	½	1	½				*	½		3
13	Polgar	0	0	0	0	1	½		½			0	½	*		2½
14	Beliavsky			0	½	0	0	0	½	½	0	0			*	1½

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a loss.

Governors warn of renewed riot risk in overcrowded jails

BY EDWARD GORMAN

THE leader of Britain's prison governors issued a blunt warning to the Government yesterday that overcrowding in jails was getting worse and that further rioting was likely.

Brendan O'Friel, head of Strangeways in Manchester during the 1990 riot and chairman of the Prison Governors' Association, told its annual conference that overcrowding was continuing to turn out prisoners who had become "embittered, hardened, and contaminated individuals".

Mr O'Friel described the practice of moving inmates from the North West to spare prison accommodation in the Midlands as imposing a form of "internal exile" on people.

"We are building up a significant number of prisoners with a justifiable grudge against the prison service for moving them so far away from home," he told delegates meeting in Rugby. "Steps must be taken to bring this to an end or it will bring trouble within our prisons."

Mr O'Friel, governor of Risley, said he believed further violence may be unavoidable. "If the population rise continues, the risks we will have to face of further disturbances are fast becoming unacceptable." The address has been seen as the latest in a series of warnings to the Home Secretary that the Government's reliance on imprisonment as the central plank of its penal policy is producing floods of inmates with which the system cannot cope.

Conference delegates voted unanimously for an emergency motion calling for urgent talks with the prison service to prevent a return to the "gross overcrowding of the past" and for members to lobby MPs challenging the "ill-considered penal policy of the present Government".

The latest prison population figures in England and Wales are put at 48,024, more than 500 above the certified level. They show a sharp rise of nearly 3,000 in the last two months and follow an overall increase of 7,000 last year. If the trend continues, prison governors predict there will be 52,000 people in custody by November this year.

Mr O'Friel's comments were echoed by Judge Tumim, the Chief Inspector of Prisons, who argued that the progress of recent years had gone into reverse. He said: "There is a very serious risk of gross overcrowding upsetting the regime and turning prisons from places that are useful into overcrowded warehouses. It's a depressing, backward experience."

Derek Lewis, director-general of the prison service, tried to put an optimistic gloss on the situation, but also warned against the rapid increase in the prison population.

Mr Lewis told the BBC: "If the growth were to accelerate significantly from the sort that we've experienced in recent months, then yes it would put at risk a number of the improvements that we have planned."

But Mr Lewis also said the gradual reopening of new wings at Strangeways, the opening of a prison at Doncaster, the refubishment of a detention centre at Buckley Hall, Rochdale, and new building at existing prisons would be enough to contain projected levels of inmates.

A Home Office spokesman said the opening of the rebuilt wings at Strangeways should put an end to the movement of prisoners from northwest England to the Midlands.

Cardboard counsel learns to live with silence in court

ROLAND LEON



Julia Rawson, a Stafford College art student, prepares to give counsel a final trim in the last unconverted courtroom of Stafford's Shire Hall, which was turned into an art gallery last year. College art students used card and tape to repopulate the courtroom with judge, jury, defendant, witnesses and counsel for a design project evoking a murder trial from 1952, when the death penalty was still in force

Tories 'knew of prison fraud'

BY ANDREW PIERCE

MINISTERS failed to act on warnings six years ago that prisoners were defrauding the State of £9 million a year in illegal benefit claims.

The Department of Social Security has admitted that prison officers and probation officers told them about the claims by up to 4,000 prisoners. But they say that as it was only anecdotal evidence they were powerless to act.

The revelation has astonished Tory MPs who joined a standing ovation for Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, after his party conference speech last year which pledged a crackdown on "dole scroungers", particularly "foreigners" and single mothers.

Terry McLaren, of the Prison Officers' Association, said: "Prison officers have known for years that prisoners were working scams like this."

A DSS official said: "We were provided with only anecdotal evidence. It took time to ascertain that it was true."

Mr McLaren said that the governor was under an obligation to put giros addressed to prisoners through the prison account so they could be cashed. He said: "It is an absurd situation. It's hardly anecdotal evidence."

John Marshall, an officer at Durham prison, claimed as many as eight cheques a day came inside for up to £400. "It's not only dole cheques but also sickness and mobility benefit," he said.

Harry Fletcher, of the probation officers' association, said: "Individual probation officers have reported cases of fraud way back as far as 1988. It does seem extraordinary that no action was taken."

The DSS insisted last night that the loophole exploited by prisoners had now been closed. The spokesman said: "We are in a position to stop this fraud. We have already begun, the first sweep of prisoners to ensure that they are not receiving benefits."

Donald Dewar, shadow Social Security Secretary, said: "Taxpayers' money has been wasted because of ministerial incompetence and the failure of the DSS to talk to the Home Office. Peter Lilley never loses the opportunity to preach about fraud. The public would prefer action."

Privatised traffic patrols 'would be driven by profit'

BY TIM JONES AND STEWART TENDLER

ALLOWING private security guards to operate radar and camera traps to catch speeding motorists would lead to the law being influenced by profit and cause friction on the roads, the Government was told yesterday.

The Home Office has confirmed that a team is seeking to identify what the police regard as core functions and what jobs might be regarded as peripheral and done by civilians, contractors or auxiliary agencies such as traffic wardens.

Kevin Delaney, recently head of the Metropolitan police traffic branch and now the RAC's road safety manager, said: "The introduction of the profit motive into law enforcement is not the route we should be following. It would lead to friction and tension which would probably have to be sorted out by police."

The Government hopes that the changes could release uniformed police for more essential work. Mr Delaney said, however: "Enforcement is to make roads safer, it is not an end to itself. The police, who are overstretched, have always exercised discretion when it comes to traffic rules.

"At seven in the evening, at 90mph, the M25 becomes a killing field but at two in the morning it is empty. If enforcement is passed to the private sector, profit will become the dominant factor and discretion will go out of the window."

Mr Delaney said that motorists in some London boroughs had been alienated by privatised traffic wardens who were on profit-related systems. There were, however, some police functions which could be done by the private sector. "A very heavy or wide load could be escorted by private contractors instead of two very expensive police cars, and the private sector could also become involved in the motorway breakdown service. At present, stranded motorists get through to the police and it is very time consuming."

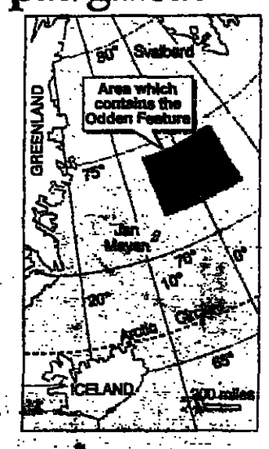
The AA said it had written to the Home Office for clarification. A spokeswoman said: "Law enforcement must never be driven by profit. The police should always be responsible for moving traffic offences and be given sufficient resources to maintain the service."

The Police Federation, representing junior ranks, said there was concern about the possible hiving off of some police functions because it was feared that the Home Secretary would try to rush decisions without proper consultation. A federation spokesman said: "We would be concerned if it there was any attempt to transfer police powers to the private sector because they are unaccountable."

The Home Office said the review has started by asking police forces, staff associations and local authorities to comment on a list of 85 jobs at present done by police.

Warmer seas block nature's plughole

BY NICK NUTTALL
ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT



A GIANT "natural plughole" that swallows much of the Earth's carbon dioxide is in danger of being blocked as the climate becomes warmer.

Scientists fear that the retreat of the Odden Feature, a huge tongue-shaped sheet of ice at the edge of the Arctic, will increase the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere at a time when governments are trying to stabilise levels of air pollution.

The Odden Feature and two other sites in Labrador and Antarctica are believed to remove up to a fifth of the Earth's carbon dioxide by dissolving it in their surface waters. The natural filter system requires extremely cold, salty water. As the ice forms around the Odden Feature in winter, huge amounts of salt are discharged into the sea. This makes the surface waters denser, causing them to sink in plumes to the seabed, carrying with them the dissolved carbon dioxide. The pollutants are locked away among the ocean sediments for millions of years.

Dr Peter Wadhams, of the Scott Polar Institute in Cambridge, believes that the Odden Feature has broken down as the Arctic Ocean becomes warmer. Tests have shown that the levels of carbon dioxide and the depths to which it sinks have slowed alarmingly in the past decade.

It was sinking 4,000 metres to the seabed in 1984 but was going only half as far in 1989. Dr Wadhams told the Oceanology International '94 in Brighton yesterday that tests last year showed it was now reaching only 1,000 metres, far short of the depth needed to lock it away.

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A £725,000 pick-me-up

A car crash victim yesterday received a £725,541 football pools cheque in hospital. Paul Thompson 29, a salesman, of Horncastle, Lincolnshire, who is recovering from serious injuries at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham, had not checked his coupon before his wife Polly-Jane, 26, and a Littlewoods representative broke the news to him.

"This is just what the doctor ordered — the best pick-me-up I could have wished for," he said.

Twitchers flock

Hundreds of "twitchers" were converging on Pennington Flash Country Park near Leigh, Greater Manchester, to see a black-faced bunting from Siberia and northeastern China, a bird not previously recorded as a visitory.

Attacker shot

Police were questioning a man who shot one man and injured another when he apparently caught them assaulting his wife at an address at Biddenden, Kent. The man who was shot is not badly injured.

Gas for poultry

Legislation allowing poultry to be slaughtered by gassing — considered more humane than electrocution — is to be introduced as soon as possible, Gillian Shephard, the Minister of Agriculture, said.

Super starfish

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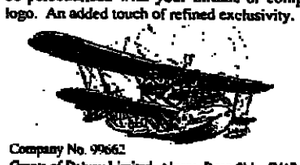
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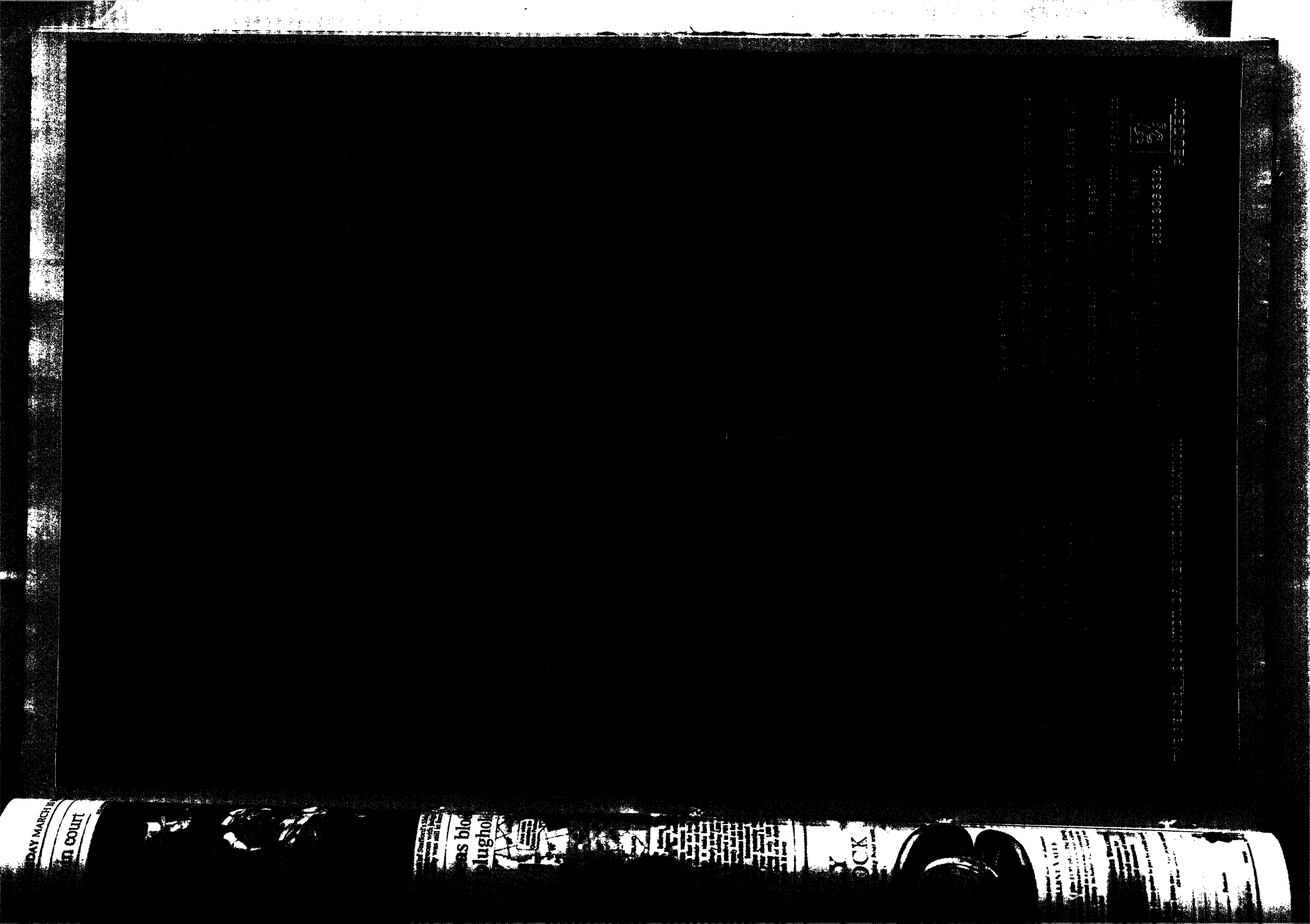
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Protester barred by bishop from first women's ordination

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

A PROTESTER hoping to disrupt the first ordination of women priests on Saturday has been barred from the service.

The Bishop of Bristol, the Right Rev Barry Rogerson, has refused a ticket for Hugh Pratt, a prominent layman in the diocese who was chosen to demonstrate by traditionalists in the Church of England. The bishop will ordain 33 women at his cathedral.

Protesters are claiming as precedent the silent vigils and action by women at services at which only men have been ordained. When the bishop asks the people of the diocese: "Is it therefore your will that they should be ordained?", opponents intend to say: "It is not. This is not an action of the whole Church, nor is the General Synod of the Church of England empowered to authorise it."

Mr Pratt represents Forward in Faith, an umbrella group for opponents of women's ordination. His church, St Mary Redcliffe, will have two women priests from Saturday.

He said it was unscriptural to ordain women priests. "If synod took the vote that dogs could become priests, it might get a majority in all three houses [of bishops, priests and laity] but it is meaningless."

Bishop Rogerson, writing to Mr Pratt to refuse him entry, said it was a ticket-only service "on grounds of fairness, orderliness and public safety. The question to the people in the ordination service is not intended to provide an opportunity for public objections or demonstrations."

The correct response was clearly set out, Bishop Rogerson wrote. "Departure from the printed service and/or interruptions at this or any other point would be most inappropriate."

After Bristol, women will be ordained in Sheffield, Oxford, London, Winchester and elsewhere throughout March, April and May. More than 1,000 women are expected to be ordained priest this year. Other bishops are expected to thwart protesters by refusing to give them tickets.

☐ A vicar who said women priests should be burnt or shot was told yesterday to live with change or leave the Church of England.

The Rev Anthony Kennedy, 62, vicar of Lutton with Gedney Drove End and Dawsmere, Lincolnshire, said "priestesses" who assumed powers to which they had no right should be burnt at the stake, as they were in medieval times.

The Rev Eric Shegog, the Church's director of communications, said: "The majority of people in the Church voted in favour of women priests and that's a fact of life. Mr Kennedy's got to live with this. If he doesn't like it then the Church has been generous in making financial provisions for those who want to leave."

Gielgud a name too far for the West End

BY ALISON ROBERTS
ARTS REPORTER

HUNDREDS of theatre stars have been thwarted in their attempt to rename a West End theatre after Sir John Gielgud in time for his 90th birthday. Stoll Moss, which owns 11 West End theatres, has stalled the project, saying the Gielgud name may be too high-brow for theatreland, which is increasingly dominated by musicals.

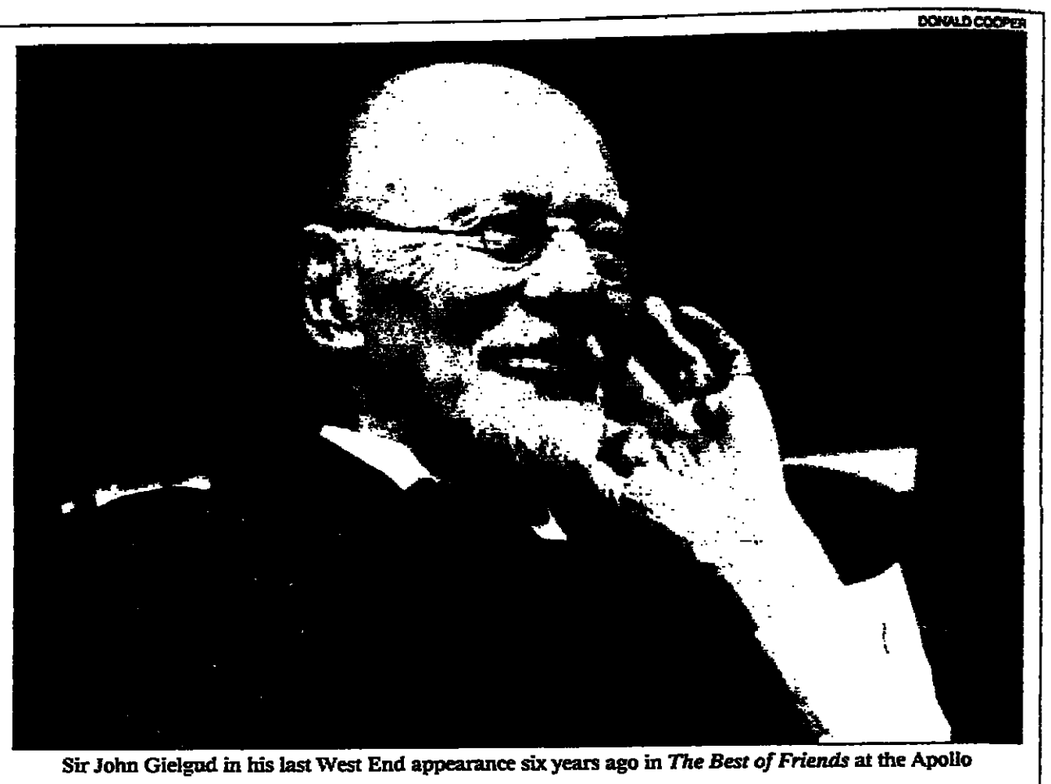
More than 400 people, forming a roll-call of British theatre, have backed the campaign to rename the Apollo Theatre on Shaftesbury Avenue, where Gielgud made his last West End appearance six years ago in the acclaimed *The Best of Friends*.

An earlier plan to rename the Queens Theatre, also owned by Stoll Moss, has been cancelled. Nica Burns, production director at Stoll Moss, said: "Doesn't the name John Gielgud itself sort of say "drama"? And the Queens is putting on more musical work. If you want to change the name of a theatre to something as specific as the Gielgud, you need to open it with an appropriate production." She said Gielgud would be 90 on April 14, and there was no time to plan for an "appropriate" first night.

Toby Roland, former theatre producer and a friend of the actor, said support for the move could not be ignored. He has received hundreds of letters from theatrical names including Albert Finney, Harold Pinter, Derek Jacobi, Sir Peter Hall and Dame Judi Dench.

The actor himself wants a quiet birthday with "little fuss", but would be "thrilled" if the plan went ahead.

DONALD COOPER



Sir John Gielgud in his last West End appearance six years ago in *The Best of Friends* at the Apollo

Tour sites urged to attract disabled

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

MILLIONS of people are denied visits to popular tourist attractions, amusement parks and heritage sites because they are elderly, disabled, pregnant or injured, a report by the English Tourist Board says today.

Many think of themselves as "inconvenienced" rather than disabled, but are discouraged from visiting museums, castles and gardens because of poor access and inadequate facilities, the report says. *Tourism for All — Providing Accessible Visitor Attractions*, is published the day before MPs vote on a Bill to outlaw discrimination against the disabled.

The board is calling for better provision for the six million disabled adults and for the increasing number of retired people.

Bob Donaldson, an adviser to the Wales Tourist Board and a wheelchair user for 20 years, was commissioned to write the report. He said: "While castle battlements may have to be surrendered to the fit and energetic, the castle green and great hall can be conquered by the disabled. An exhibit's fine detail may not be visible but its concept and form can be communicated and admired through sound and touch."

The report gives details of how much passing space is needed for wheelchairs and prams; the recommended height of ticket booths; and exercise areas for guide dogs.

It says planners should avoid revolving doors, stiles and kissing gates, which are difficult for the disabled to negotiate; narrow, heavy doors and flights of steps, which are daunting for families with pushchairs; and highly polished surfaces, which are dangerous for children, the elderly, and those with sticks or crutches.

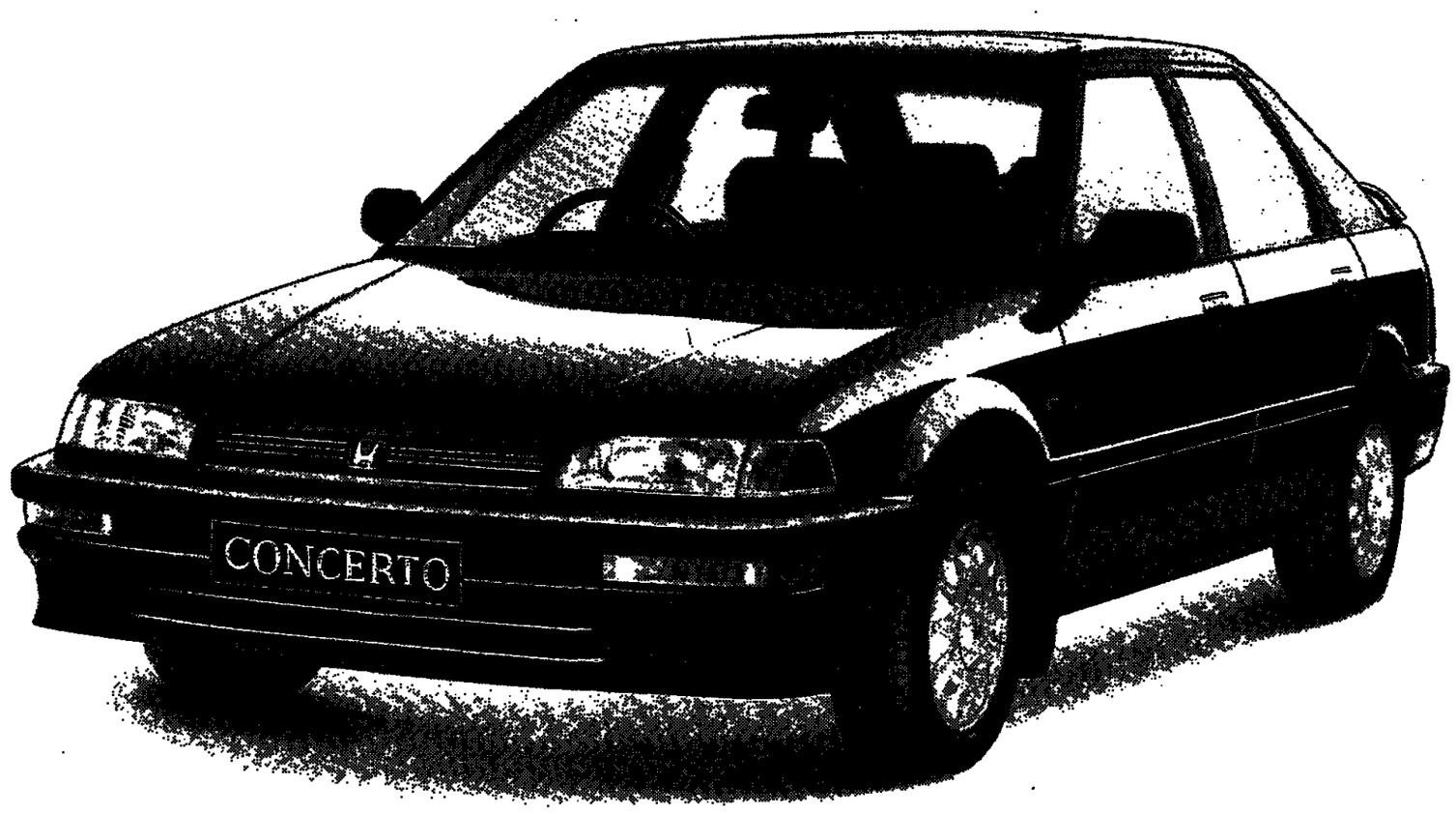
The MP Alf Morris, who was minister for the disabled in the last Labour Government, said that the report was positive and hopeful. He said that there were significant financial benefits for organisations which catered for the disabled. "It makes good business sense because a whole family will make a decision on where to go based on the needs of its one disabled member."

Dr Roger Berry, Labour MP for Kingswood, who is putting forward the Civil Rights (Disabled Persons) Bill for a second reading in the House of Commons tomorrow, said that access at many tourist attractions was inadequate.

John East, chief executive of the English Tourist Board, said the largely untapped market was worth millions.

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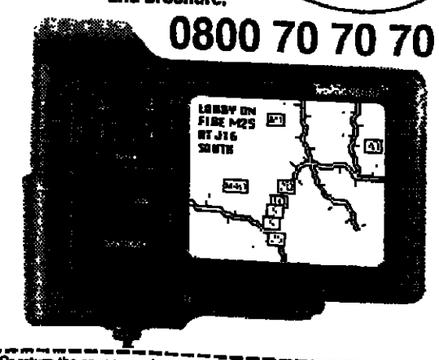
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Waldegrave slip opens door to the real world

THE row over William Waldegrave's remarks about truth and the Commons is mostly ephemeral nonsense. As he said yesterday, it was "a completely mad situation" inflated out of all proportion. The problem is not the very rare instances when ministers deliberately lie to the Commons but the Whitehall culture which much more often produces incomplete statements.

Mr Waldegrave's words are politically clumsy, given all the concentration at present on ministerial honesty over the Pergau dam and Iraqi exports affairs. They are an unwelcome distraction for the Government. But Mr Waldegrave has always been an unusual politician, more interested in ideas than sound-bites. He is no Norman Tebbit or Michael Heseltine. His natural candour can, as in this case, border on naïvety.

Characteristically, he spent an hour yesterday morning addressing two dozen people at a Social Market Foundation seminar on the theme of "Recruiting to the Little Platoons", a reference to Edmund Burke. Mentions of Oakeshott, Friedman and Hayek cropped up in his elegant attempt to provide a philosophical underpinning for the changes in public services. More topically, he noted Enoch Powell's aphorism that politicians complaining about the press are like sailors complaining about the sea.

All Mr Waldegrave said to the Treasury committee on Tuesday was that in exceptional circumstances ministers might "say something that is untrue to the House of Commons". His examples of Chancellors lying when trying to defend the pound before a devaluation turn out not to be so clearcut, as Lord Callaghan protested yesterday over his comments in November 1967. The fuss over lying is an irrelevant cul de sac of self-righteousness and rare past cases.

The real issue is Mr Waldegrave's other comment that "much of government activity is much more like playing poker than playing chess. You don't put all your cards up at one time." That touches on the remark by Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet Secretary, to the Scott enquiry that it was possible for ministers to give Parliament "an accurate but incomplete answer". He later added that: "In the real world, it is frequently the case that one cannot say all one knows. In that situation one should avoid misleading, if one possibly can." That is a more frequent dilemma and raises a potential conflict with paragraph 27 of *Questions of Procedure for Ministers*, which lays a duty on ministers "not to deceive or mislead Parliament and the public".

Ministers and civil servants treat questions and appearances before select committees as part of a running battle of manoeuvre with the Opposition. That is inevitable under the adversarial system at Westminster and the only unusual point about Scott is that the enquiry has found ministers out in their efforts to hide what was happening.

The difficulty is where to draw the line. When does an incomplete statement become misleading? Even though more policy options should be revealed, as they increasingly are, civil service advice to ministers has to remain confidential, otherwise collective decision-making would break down. The culture of Whitehall can take this to absurd extremes of secrecy: refusing to concede that a policy is being considered until a decision is announced.

To his credit, Mr Waldegrave has been trying to open up the workings of government. Instead of behaving like the horrified characters in a Bateman cartoon, MPs and the press should recognise his remarks as an admission, however uncomfortably frank, of what happens in the real world. He should be commended for his honesty, rather than condemned.

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"I have nothing to add to or subtract from anything I have said on the subject of devaluation" — James Callaghan, 1967



"In exceptional cases it is necessary to say something that is untrue to the Commons" — William Waldegrave



"His Majesty's Government have not the slightest intention of devaluing the pound" — Sir Stafford Cripps, July 6, 1949

Stonewalling Callaghan steered round parliamentary trap

BY PHILIP WEBSTER
POLITICAL EDITOR

LORD Callaghan, the former Prime Minister, robustly defended himself yesterday against charges that he had misled Parliament during the 1967 devaluation crisis, when he was Chancellor. He said he had stonewalled but never lied as he tried to hold off the speculators.

The record suggests that neither Lord Callaghan, nor Sir Stafford Cripps, the other former Labour Chancellor called in aid by William Waldegrave on Tuesday, can be accused of having told untruths.

James Callaghan, as he was then, just steered clear of this political mantrap. Two days before the 1967 devaluation he had to face a private notice question in the Commons on the Government's reported decision to negotiate a $1,000 million loan with foreign banks. But only that morning the Cabinet had decided to devalue. The announcement was to come two days later.

Stanley Orme, still a Labour MP today, put the most direct question. "Would my right hon friend agree that if the difference is between a reduction in public expenditure at home, a wage freeze and the introduction of a regulator and devaluation, devaluation is preferable to those three things?" Mr Callaghan replied: "I have nothing to add to or subtract from anything I have said on previous occasions on the subject of devaluation."

Sir Stafford Cripps sailed closer to the wind, but could hardly be accused of lying. In the Commons on July 6, 1949, he was asked: "Could the right hon and learned gentleman add anything to what he said this afternoon on the question of the devaluation of the pound." The Chancellor replied: "His Majesty's Government have not the slightest intention of devaluing the pound." That was more than two months before he announced on September 18 that the pound would be devalued. It could be argued that on July 6 he had no present intention of devaluing, although his use of the word "slightest" seems to have been overegging the pudding.

Politician with too much imagination

BY ALICE THOMSON, POLITICAL REPORTER

He has been called the ideal male escort for the more sophisticated woman and the "nicest" MP in the Commons, but William Waldegrave appears more at home in the cloistered halls of Oxford than the green benches of Westminster.

A former Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, Mr Waldegrave, 47, is possibly the most cerebral man in the Cabinet. An old Etonian and the son of a peer, he was president of the Oxford Union and Oxford University Conservative Association and graduated with a first class degree.

As a young man, stories about his brilliance abounded. At university he was reputed to have walked out of his finals after half an hour, flinging down his exam papers on the way, saying: "There's a first in the bag."

In the mid-1970s he served in the Cabinet Office "think tank", was a member of the Downing Street Policy Unit and head of Opposition Leader Edward Heath's office. He had a smooth path to enter Parliament as MP for Bristol West in 1979 and within two years was elevated to junior Education Minister under Sir Keith Joseph. But he still managed to balance a family life, marrying Caroline, much admired by his colleagues for her culinary career and elegance, and threw himself into family life, attending the births of all four of his children and ante-natal classes.

Even in the 1980s, when sharp suits and natty newsbites were more admired than scholarly learning, Mr Waldegrave managed to bob above the rest, first as an environment minister and then at the Foreign Office. Here, although he committed a couple of gaffes such as reminding Israel's leaders of their terrorist predecessors and being a fervent champion of the poll tax, he still appeared to lead a charmed life.

But the 1990s have proved his undoing. Promoted to Health Secretary to smooth ruffled feathers after Kenneth Clarke's departure, Mr Waldegrave withered under a barrage of critical questioning from Labour's Robin Cook and the media. He once admitted that four-fifths of hospitals had financial problems when they were given trust status in April 1991 and he completely fluffed a press conference during the 1992 election.

Demotion to "minister of paperclips" as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster was inevitable. Most men would have balked when asked to take on the Citizen's Charter and develop "Majorism" as a political philosophy of the 1990s, but Mr Waldegrave has badgered away good-naturedly and has also taken on the thankless task of explaining why science is underfunded.

It is his role as minister for open government that has made him cringe. He stands accused of not telling Parliament that the ground rules had changed over arm sales to Iraq while he was at the Foreign Office. The accusation surfaced at the Scott enquiry the day he launched his white paper. Although he is now trying his best to sweep away obsessive secrecy from Whitehall, he has always preferred the word "confidential".

As he once said: "The trouble is I have a capacity to analyse problems and see all the things that could go wrong. In a way it is having too much imagination."

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British appeal raises less than half of troops required for Bosnia

BY JAMES BONE
IN NEW YORK
AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

■ Britain has encountered serious reluctance by other countries to commit more peacekeepers to the Balkans. Now the pressure is on for the Government to make a big contribution of its own

BRITAIN'S initiative to muster new peacekeepers for Bosnia-Herzegovina yesterday failed to raise even half the number required, adding to pressure for the Government to make a big troop contribution of its own.

A 19-nation meeting hosted by Britain in New York drew limited offers of new troops from Turkey, France, Ukraine, the Czech Republic and Argentina. Some other countries, such as Canada, said they were still considering making new troop contributions.

The meeting came as Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, visited the Duke of Wellington's Regiment in Wiltshire on the eve of a Cabinet decision expected to send a battalion group of 900 to Bosnia at the weekend.

A source at the closed session in New York said the total under consideration was less than half the 10,650 that the United Nations has requested to consolidate truces in Sarajevo and central Bosnia. Another source said the total was only 4,000 new men.

The senior UN official at the meeting told delegates that he was not encouraged by the outcome. He even suggested that the 1,200 Bangladeshis offered for UN duty last autumn but unable to take up position because of a lack of equipment should be reconsidered. Countries unable or unwilling to provide troops of their own should offer to equip the Bangladeshis instead, he said.

France, which has the largest contingent of UN troops in the Balkans, offered to provide 800 new troops for Sarajevo, but on condition that it be allowed to withdraw a similar number from Croatia in three months' time. Turkey made good on its long-standing offer to provide men but started with a low bid in order not to alarm countries such as Russia.

America, which has steadfastly refused to send ground troops, is still considering if it can increase its present 300-strong force in Macedonia to free some 400 Nordic troops to move to Bosnia.

Washington is also considering an airlift to get new peacekeepers from other countries into Bosnia.

In Zagreb yesterday, Charles Redman and Peter Galbraith, the American peace envoys, said that "enormous progress" had been made in negotiations to set up a Croat-Muslim federation in Bosnia, but real peace would be elusive unless rebel Serbs were prepared to enter talks.

Mate Granic, the Croatian Foreign Minister, and Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, were in Moscow yesterday to discuss the federation plan with Russian leaders who still have reservations about it. Vitali Churkin, President Yeltsin's personal envoy to the region, indicated after talks with Mr Silajdzic and Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, that Moscow was withholding full endorsement of the American-sponsored plan.

□ **Bonn:** Germany yesterday called off the deportation of illegal refugees from the rump Yugoslavia because of objections by Romania, which was to have been used as a transit route.

A British charity will send contraceptives worth £1 million to Bosnia next week to curb the rising abortion rate (Tom Rhodes writes). Mary Stopes International has received Overseas Development Administration funding to supply 500,000 contraceptive pills, 300,000 condoms and 6,000 intra-uterine devices to centres of conflict.

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French UN peacekeepers tighten security by clearing mines round Tuzla airport before the resumption of humanitarian aid flights

Croat ceasefire turns heroes into villains

*War gave him prestige and power: now he is on the run. **Anthony Loyd** bids an uneasy farewell to a notorious killer at Zagreb airport*



The killer's face detached itself from the crowd of passengers and he walked purposefully towards the table at which I sat drinking coffee. He pulled out a cane chair and sat down, draping an arm nonchalantly over the armrest, moving easily for a man recently shot three times.

"You're a long way from Vitez," he commented, smiling. The departure lounge at Zagreb airport was indeed a world away from the urban destruction of the central Bosnian town. But the Muslim-Croat federation and the prospect of peace has made strange bedfellows, and has turned men once fêted for their ruthlessness into embarrassments to their own side, perhaps even pariahs. Such men are now on the run, looking for other wars, other conflicts.

He ordered coffee and lit a cigarette, pausing to flick a piece of imagined ash from the sleeve of his expensive leather jacket. The last time I had seen him, three months earlier, he had been decked out in bandoliers and chest webbing, grenade-laden, pistol on his hip, Hechler-Koch machinegun in his hand; a large, powerful man whose German army combat dress and expensive boots lifted him far above the rag-taggle uniform worn by so many of his Croatian comrades.

His courage and initiative had been legendary among his men. Soon after the beginning of the Croat-Muslim war he rose to become commander of a quasi special forces group operating in the Lasva valley. His forays against Muslim positions were often conducted with complete disregard for his own safety; he would call out to his adversaries, many of whom he knew personally, seemingly unmoved by the angry crackling of return fire.

Describing his pre-war profession as "businessman", he had acquired a white Mercedes which he ostentatiously drove between missions, accompanied by an "inner circle" of gun-toting henchmen. He once presented a silver Colt .45 to a senior United Nations officer as a present.

"There are better shots, but there are no better killers," one of his men said of him. The Muslims accused him of not only being involved in the massacre of civilians at Ahinici last year, but of controlling the attack. Certainly the precision of the massacre indicated a degree of co-ordination unusual in any but a few of the Croat HVO commanders.

But dissatisfaction began to grow among senior Croat officers in the valley, unnerved by his growing power and angered by his arrogance. Rumours of the killer's extensive black marketeering activities began to flourish. One December day a burst of gunfire from his own lines greeted his car's arrival.

Characteristically he survived, though badly wounded. He was evacuated shortly afterwards on a Croatian army helicopter to a hospital in Split. When half-recovered he discharged himself and disappeared.

The issue of war crimes is one of great sensitivity in the Croat-Muslim ceasefire. "We must have them. Everybody responsible for a war crime must come to trial," said Sefkija Dzidic, the Muslim commander in Stari Vitez, a few days after the current ceasefire began.

Others express a more open-minded approach. "I don't care if they never come to trial, it would be too complicated," said another Muslim officer. "But they must go; Australia, South America, anywhere, but they must go."

Various cosmetic changes have already taken place within the command structures of both sides in central Bosnia in the interests of preserving the ceasefire and moving closer towards the vision of federation. More notorious officers are being discreetly moved aside, with less well-known but more respectable individuals taking their place to talk of peace.

"War is strange", said the killer suddenly. "This talk of peace, and I become the political enemy of even my own side."

War had given him power and prestige. But the subsiding tide of violence in the Lasva valley means he is now a hunted man. He stood up, extended his hand, grinned and shrugged: "Well, see you in South America," he said.

Pakistan stops UN vote on Kashmir

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ONLY minutes before a vote, Pakistan yesterday withdrew a motion at a United Nations human rights meeting that would have condemned India for alleged violations in Kashmir. The decision not to press for a vote in the UN Human Rights Commission in Geneva was taken after strong requests from Iran and China, which Asseff Ahmad Ali, the Foreign Minister, said Pakistan could not ignore.

The issue was brought by Pakistan to the commission last month, but India launched a strong counter-campaign, and Pakistan's motion was unlikely to have been passed, with most of the 53 members planning to abstain. It would have called for a fact-finding mission to investigate abuses by the Indian army, a move that would have heightened tensions between the two countries. Iran said that India was instead ready to facilitate a visit to Kashmir by envoys from Muslim nations.

Western countries welcomed Pakistan's withdrawal, which follows a decision to drop a similar motion in the UN General Assembly. They said the important thing was to improve relations between the two countries, which have fought three wars over Kashmir since their independence. This would not be helped by public condemnations.

Kashmir will be a main issue in talks in London this coming week between P. V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian Prime Minister, and John Major. Britain has offered to play a mediating role, and yesterday the Pakistan High Commission in London urged Britain to seize the initiative. "There are thousands of people in this country of Kashmiri origin who have great attachment to Kashmir," said Moeen Jan Naim, the Deputy High Commissioner. He urged Mr Major to persuade India to stop repression in Kashmir, a pre-condition that Pakistan has set for direct talks on the dispute.

Mr Naim said Pakistan was eager to encourage the best possible relations between Britain and India, and welcomed Mr Narasimha Rao's visit, which begins on Sunday. He did not see this as against Pakistan's interests. But he said India must be made aware of the weight of public opinion. "The time has come to think about the future of the subcontinent as a whole. Both countries have spent enough money on weapons. How long can this situation go on, depriving the teeming millions from the opportunity to improve their lot?"



Narasimha Rao: talks with John Major

Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said last year that the Kashmir dispute had gone on too long with too big a toll. Nearly 10,000 people are estimated to have died since 1989 when the Muslim militant campaign for an independent homeland became violent.

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Right-wing leader turns on the charm to be housewives' choice

Italian media tycoon woos women voters

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

SILVIO Berlusconi, the media tycoon, launched his election campaign in the Italian capital yesterday by wooing leaders of the powerful 800,000-strong housewives' federation.

Signor Berlusconi, 57, played to his reputation as a ladies' man during a meeting with 50 matriarchs in advance of the March 27-28 parliamentary poll. "I am sorry to be late, I don't normally keep women waiting," he said before launching into a glowing eulogy of housewifely values.

Federica Gasparrini, the federation's president, said the encounter had followed three months of negotiations. These had led her group to throw its weight behind the right-wing Forza Italia group led by Signor Berlusconi.

Forza Italia has incorporated into its programme demands by the federation for state aid for mothers, laws that give housewives' pensions and other employee rights, and tax relief for families. "His presence here set the seal on our accord," Signora Gasparrini said. "My feeling is that professional politicians easily make promises and easily forget them. But a businessman is more used to keeping his word. I am satisfied," she added.

The women's vote is crucial for Signor Berlusconi in his battle to become Italy's next Prime Minister in alliance with neo-Fascists and the devolutionist Northern League.

Independent opinion polls put Forza Italia neck-and-neck with the Democratic Party of the Left, formerly the Communists, whose thrice-married leader, Achille Occhetto, also sets middle-aged women's hearts racing.

Standing as a candidate in Rome's high-profile No.1 Constituency, where the left's candidate is Luigi Spaventa, the dynamic British-educated Budget Minister who is nicknamed "The Doberman" for his pugnacious style, Signor Berlusconi faces an uphill battle.

Later yesterday, together with Giancarlo Fini, the neo-Fascist leader, Signor Berlusconi was to be guest of honour at an exclusive reception given by the Princess Pallavicini, a leading figure of the Roman "black aristocracy", at her Renaissance palace on the Quirinal Hill.

Caltanissetta: A judge in Sicily, Gilda Lo Forti, yesterday ordered that four men would stand trial in October for the bombing murder of Paolo Borsellino, the anti-Mafia judge, and his five bodyguards in July 1992, judicial officials said. *(Reuter)*

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Silvio Berlusconi arriving at a hotel in Rome yesterday for a meeting with a delegation from the politically powerful Italian housewives' federation

German troops play war games without blanks

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

GERMAN soldiers are being forced to shout "bang, bang" when they confront the enemy during manoeuvres because of a lack of blank ammunition. German tank crews have to spring out their turrets and yell "boom, boom".

These and other reports of financial stringency were published yesterday by the Bundeswehr Ombudsman, who gave a warning of falling morale in one of Europe's biggest armies. Alfred Biehle, a parliamentary deputy who has spent the past year listening to soldiers' complaints, said budget problems, coupled with political indecision over peacekeeping missions, had propelled the Bundeswehr into an identity crisis.

"The motivation of many soldiers has been damaged," Herr Biehle said in his annual report. "Many officers are depressed by the stark disparity between their mission and the means available to carry it out. Instructors are justifiably afraid of losing their authority." The report presented a catalogue of cost-cutting measures. A company training with mortars, grenades or hand-held rocket launchers was usually required to hit five targets during a military exercise. However, if the first three shots were successful, the troops could go home and the munitions were saved.

Training flights have been cut down to a minimum and annual flight hours for the German air force now total 150 a year, compared with the Nato standard of 180. Units are complaining that they have to wait three months for brake parts for their tanks.

One symptom of the declining morale is the large number of conscientious objectors. The number of conscripts (155,000) is now almost matched by the number of Germans (131,000) performing civilian service in hospitals and elsewhere. The German army has commissioned a new series of television advertisements to boost the image of the soldier. One shows an air force dispatcher on a German transport plan dropping crates of food into Bosnia.

Britain's opt-out on hours for child workers at risk

BY GEORGE BROCK AND LUCY BERRINGTON

The European Parliament moved yesterday to bring Britain into line with the rest of Europe over conditions for young workers between the ages of 13 and 18. The Parliament last night began moves to reverse two British opt-outs from a planned European Union law limiting working hours for teenagers.

Last year David Hunt, the Employment Secretary, negotiated British exemptions from an EU directive on young workers until at least the end of the century. The directive would prevent 13-15 year-olds working more than 12 hours a week and Mr Hunt claimed that this would stop children doing a paper round and a Saturday job. He wanted the limit set at 17 hours a week. The other opt-out struck down yesterday would have limited weekly working hours for 16 and 17-year-olds to 35 hours. That exemption can probably be restored when the directive goes back to EU ministers. But Britain will have great difficulty restoring the 13 and 15-year-old opt-out because it requires the unanimous support of all 12 EU governments. British newsagents vowed last night to fight the new threat to 400,000 paperboys and girls. David Daniel, secretary of the 28,000-strong National Federation of Newsagents, said: "This is a tradition unique to this country, and Brussels should mind its own business."



Harkin: scheme praised by Italy

Europe is not receptive to regulations on child and teenage labour, although the need for legislation is acknowledged. Southern Italy, and Naples in particular, is notorious for its exploitation of child labour, but if the Italian Social Democrats come to power in the October election, there will be renewed pressure to boycott imports from countries or companies known to employ cheap child labour. Both the Social Democrats, and their probable coalition partner, the Greens, were impressed by the efforts of US Senator Tom Harkin to ban the American import of goods produced by children under 15 years old.

Many countries accept EU regulations on child workers, but are unable to enforce them. In Mediterranean countries child labour is a fact of everyday life. Visitors to Athens can see that many vendors at the ubiquitous fruit and vegetable markets are children under 12. Motorists stopping at traffic lights are accosted by gypsy and Albanian children, often barefoot even in winter, wiping windscreens or just begging for spare drachmas. A spokesman for the Spanish Ministry of Labour and Social Security admitted yesterday that it was impossible to estimate how many minors, under the legal minimum age of 16, work in the country's large black economy. Northern Europe is comparatively well policed. The German authorities make regular checks on young workers in bars and restaurants in the big cities, such as Frankfurt and Berlin, but rarely catch any illegally employed children. Children under 14 are forbidden to work.

Employers, wary of the big fines and possible prison terms, tend to police themselves. In practice, Germany's comprehensive system of vocational training keeps almost all children in the educational system at least until the age of 18.

This apprenticeship system is seen as the key to a proper adult job by many underskilled 16-year-olds, though some of these apprenticeships are nevertheless viewed as exploitative.

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European entry talks fail to end deadlock

FROM JAMES LANDALE IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Union enlargement talks in Brussels broke up early yesterday after failure to agree on either the Spanish demand for access to Norwegian fishing waters or changing the voting system in the Council of Ministers.

Germany urged Spain to compromise on the fishing dispute, the last obstacle preventing Norway from agreeing to entry terms. "In my opinion a compromise must have been possible," said Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister. "Now Spain has to move."

Theodoros Pangalos, the Greek European Affairs Minister, who chaired the meeting, said the talks had failed because there was a lack of political will among the Twelve. Mr Pangalos is said to have shouted at the Spanish delegation that "one fish cannot stop the enlargement of the Community". Norway has said throughout the talks that it would not give up one extra fish to satisfy Spain.

Spain is supporting Britain in opposing any change to the voting system which would diminish the ability to veto legislation. If Britain refuses to back down, it will be attacked for scuppering enlargement, a process it has always supported. But any softening of the position would enrage the Euro-sceptics, who would accuse the Government of giving up vital controls on the power of Brussels.



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China erects ring of steel to keep dissidents at bay



Li: widely blamed for Tiananmen massacre

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING

THE traffic swirling around Tiananmen Square in the heart of Peking, and well-dressed shoppers with plump, healthy-looking children thronging new department stores, give the Chinese capital at least an air of well-being. But in the midst of apparent prosperity, China's security agencies were nervous last night on the eve of the opening of the annual session of China's rubber-stamp parliament, the National People's Congress.

They have mounted a huge security screen to protect the 2,978 delegates from all over China against intrusion from untoward influences, either from a thousand journalists, the majority native Chinese or "compatriots" from Hong Kong and Taiwan, and from the influence of a handful of dissidents bold enough, despite the Tiananmen massacre of June 1989, to be still intent on reform.

"Politically the situation is quite calm," said a senior foreign diplomat in Peking yesterday. "But the authorities are worried about the possibility of urban unrest, however remote, over inflation, official corruption, unemployment, reform of state-run industries, a changing moral climate and disparities in wealth. They don't believe in taking chances."

In what seems like trying to hit a gnat with a giant fly swat, China's Ministry of Public Security has risked the ire of Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who arrives here tomorrow to review China's human rights record with an eye on renewing its vital "most favoured nation" trading status, by harassing the dissidents. They have either been instructed to leave town or their homes are being watched; some have even been locked up.

The convening of the nominal parliament today in the flag-bedecked Great Hall of the People, a monolithic building that represents one of the few tangible successes of the otherwise disastrous 1958-59 Great Leap Forward, at which Li Peng, the Prime Minister, will present a blueprint for the year ahead and ask delegates to approve new economic legislation, marks the start in China of a potentially volatile few days. This period includes the four-day visit of Mr Christopher, who has already expressed his "strong distaste" over the heavy-handed methods of the security men, most notably the presumed involuntary departure for the countryside of Wei Jingsheng, the 1979 Democracy Wall activist who spent almost 15 years in the Lao Gai, the Chinese labour camp gulag, until his release last year.

"Mr Wei apparently agreed to leave town," said one well-informed diplomat here. "No doubt the suggestion was made to him in a particularly persuasive way." Wang Dan, the 1989 student leader who has spent four years in jail, was sufficiently shaken up after his second detention in a week on Tuesday to tell foreign reporters that he had "no real desire" to meet Mr Christopher. Mr Wang, 25, was warned that his recent activities had "exceeded the rights of normal Chinese citizens" and was told not to engage in "illegal activities". Mr Li, widely held responsible for the 1989 Tiananmen massacre, when troops brutally suppressed pro-democracy demonstrations, has presided over a period of economic reform, initiated by Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader. The reforms seem to have benefited some urban dwellers, who throng stores, nightclubs and karaoke bars. "Before, people in stores were just looking," said one diplomat yesterday. "But now it's spend, spend, spend."

However, 200 million landless Chinese in rural areas have little or no viable source of income, and with the smashing of the "iron rice bowl" of a lifetime's state employment, they are pouring into the cities in search of a share of the wealth, contributing to an underside of urban life, including a steeply rising crime rate, away from the gleaming new shopping centres.

Hong Kong: The Dalai Lama has issued a despairing statement conceding that in 14 years of attempting to communicate with Peking "my approach has failed to produce any progress, either for substantive negotiations or in contributing to the overall improvement of the situation in Tibet". (Jonathan Mirksy writes).

He said he remains committed to peaceful means, but unless the international community helped to bring about negotiations he would have to "consult my people on the future course of the freedom struggle". This was a reminder to China that there are many within Tibet who for years have been calling for an armed resistance.

South African police fire on students and township strikers

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN MAFEKING AND INIGO GILMORE IN MESSINA, NORTHERN TRANSVAAL

ARMED police fired round after round of tear gas, rubber bullets and birdshot in an effort to control crowds of striking workers and students rioting in Mmabatho, the Bophuthatswana capital, which swiftly spread to outlying townships.

The rioters replied with stones and petrol bombs, and blockaded streets with burning tyres, stones and traffic signs. Eventually the police resorted to firing live rounds, and a number of people were taken to hospital badly hurt.

In Messina, riot police fired rubber bullets at African National Congress supporters gathered near this border town yesterday after President de Klerk addressed a rally in a local stadium during his election campaign.

As Mr de Klerk left the stadium, police formed a barricade to keep back the surging 500-strong crowd. Chanting "Kill the Boer, kill the farmer," ANC supporters threw stones at the President's vehicle and National Party workers before turning on the police. Major Edward Celliers told his men to open fire after two officers were injured.

At the University of Bophuthatswana on the outskirts of town, a running battle developed with police as students occupied the administration offices and harassed Dr Recius Malope, the Vice-Chancellor. His car was stopped briefly as he tried to leave the campus and fire extinguisher foam was sprayed over it. As he drove away, students chanted: "One Mercedes, one petrol bomb", adapting the Pan Africanist Congress slogan: "One settler, one bullet."

Clashes between opponents of President Mangope and police also broke out in other parts of Bophuthatswana, which is made up of eight pieces of territory separated by stretches of South Africa. Children in Bodibe stole a road-grading machine and used it to build an earth barricade across the main road into the town after police opened fire with shotguns.

Mathibe Tias, 17, who in clashes with police the previous day almost lost an eye when hit by a rubber cane, was hit in the back and arm with birdshot. "I will die for democracy," he yelled at departing police vans.

In nearby Itsoseng, about 20 miles from Mafeking, residents tried to deliver a message to the local governor but were prevented. Gangs of youths then attempted to burn the council offices, and set two council vehicles alight. Shops were looted. Police in armoured vehicles toured the township firing rubber bullets and tear gas at small crowds of youths.

President Mangope dismissed the entire staff of 800 at the Bophuthatswana Broadcasting Corporation as employees of the nominally independent black homeland's government and state-owned industries voted to tighten the screw on the 70-year-old leader, who has refused to accept reincorporation into South Africa.

Heads of 14 staff associations — trade unions are banned in the homeland — met at the university yesterday and voted to begin a week-long strike, joining colleagues in several ministries.

Ouma Menong from Agricor, the state agricultural service, said they were demanding reincorporation of the homeland. "Without reincorporation we are going to be without jobs," she said.

Durban: The death toll in South Africa's worst train disaster in nearly three decades rose to 64 after a victim died in hospital and police said yesterday that they were investigating charges of manslaughter against the driver. At least 370 were injured when the train jumped the tracks. The railway's board of enquiry has also launched an investigation. (Reuter)

SIMON WALKER



A student taking cover from rubber bullets and live rounds during clashes with police yesterday at the university in Mmabatho, Bophuthatswana. There were running battles as students occupied the administration offices

Inkatha and ANC both fail to meet candidate deadline

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

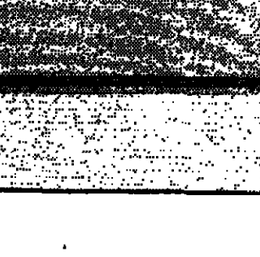
SOUTH Africa's latest election deadline — for parties to register lists of candidates — came and went amid chaos yesterday.

The African National Congress, expected to win an overwhelming victory in the April polls, missed the cut-off. So did the Inkatha Freedom Party, which yesterday decided to put off submitting a list of candidates. After a six-hour meeting of its central committee, however, it left the door open, saying the form of international mediation to resolve constitutional difficulties would first have to be settled. Why the ANC left it to the last minute was not explained.

All parties were given until 4.30pm to submit their lists to the Independent Electoral Commission. Several were still queueing at the commission's offices in Johannesburg as the deadline passed. This does not, however, mean that their electoral lists will be invalidated. The Transitional Executive Council has already conceded that lists can be amended after the deadline.

But, amid the confusion and muddle last night, Mr Justice Johan Kriegler, chairman of the commission, said: "Deadlines have to become deadlines at some stage." Shortly before yesterday's, a representative of the Freedom Front, the party formed by General Constand Viljoen, one of the convenors of the right-wing Afrikaner Volksfront, arrived at the electoral commission.

After some confusion, it turned out that the Freedom Front would not submit a candidates' list until it was clear what Inkatha would do. Inkatha's decision had by then not been announced. But the appearance of the Freedom Front at the commission's offices indicated a serious right-wing split. Moderate elements wish to contest the election, but harliners do not. At a meeting in Pretoria yesterday the Freedom Alliance indicated its support for General Viljoen's wish to contest the election.



Viljoen: his appearance confirmed split of right

Nixon is snubbed by Yeltsin

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin lashed out furiously yesterday at Richard Nixon after the former US President met leaders of the Russian opposition during a visit to Moscow. Mr Yeltsin cancelled a planned meeting with Mr Nixon and also forbade Russian officials to meet him.

President Yeltsin's anger erupted because Mr Nixon on Monday went to see Aleksandr Rutskoi, former Vice-President, who was amnestied by parliament last month after having been imprisoned by Mr Yeltsin for his part in leading the October parliamentary revolt. Mr Nixon also met the Communist leader, Gennadi Zyuganov.

Mr Yeltsin told reporters: "Former American President Nixon met Rutskoi and Zyuganov here while the most interesting thing is that he had been coming here to meet me." He added: "Let them know that Russia is a great country and you just cannot play around with her like that."

Loyal niece stands guard over Lenin's memory

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

IT takes little prompting to get Olga Ulyanova to display her prize possession. Her eyes sparkle as she opens an old photograph album at a picture of herself as a toddler, sitting on her mother's knee. Her hands are stretched towards her smiling uncle — Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov, alias Lenin.

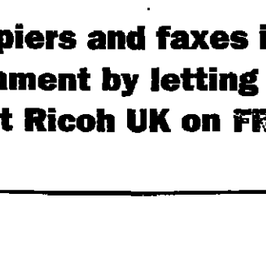
Miss Ulyanova, daughter of Lenin's younger brother, Dimitri, is the last surviving relative to have met the revolutionary leader, who died in 1924 when she was only a year and a half old. Seventy years on, she is a sprightly woman with brown slanted eyes reminiscent of her uncle's, and she regards herself as keeper of his memory in a hostile post-Soviet world.

Locked in bitter combat with the Mayor of Moscow, Yuri Luzhkov, Miss Ulyanova leads the campaign to allow Lenin's embalmed body to be kept in the mausoleum on Red Square, despite the fact that the city council and President Yeltsin have recommended its removal. Lenin's niece cannily protested that Lenin as a loving husband would have wanted to be buried close to his wife, Nadezhda Krupskaya, whose remains lie in the Kremlin wall. "He should remain on Red Square," she insisted. "It is his monument. The tsars are buried in St Basil's cathedral and my uncle is in the mausoleum — as it should be."

Although Miss Ulyanova must have known of Krupskaya's frightened final years under Stalin — she came to know the old lady well in her teenage years — she is determined to keep the unblemished official version of Lenin and Krupskaya's life sacred. Her luxury flat is full of Lenin portraits, carvings and his long-winded writings. He remains a saint in her eyes, an absolute standard of morality, despite revived rumours that he had an affair with his helper, Inessa Armand.

"Today people attack my uncle and throw mud at him because he was different, because he was pure," she said. "There was no love-triangle. Inessa loved him and stayed close to him because she loved the revolution." She is adamant that Lenin's relationship with Krupskaya was happy and sets off on another diatribe against "dirty, lying democrat historians" who have been excavating the Lenin myth to reveal a man who exploited the devoted women around him.

A former tutor in the chemistry faculty of Moscow University, Miss Ulyanova clearly has difficulty coming to terms with a Russia is which she is treated as something of a relic. "Imagine this," she confides. "A young Russian journalist came to see me that other day and told me that he had never read a word of my uncle's writings. I was so shocked I could hardly speak."



Lenin: removal from Red Square disputed

Enquiry team tours massacre mosque

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

AN ISRAELI commission of enquiry yesterday toured the sites of the Hebron mosque massacre, while a security council resolution condemning the carnage moved to vote at the United Nations.

Yossi Beilin, the Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister, said the resolution was likely to help spur a resumption of peace talks, which have been suspended since the February 25 mosque slaying of 39 Palestinians by a Jewish settler, Barukh Goldstein.

But Palestinian leaders said the PLO would undermine its credibility in the occupied territories if it returned to the peace table without the ouster of settlers from Hebron or the sending of an armed international force to protect Palestinians.

The resolution "irritates" Israel by referring to east Jerusalem, annexed by the Jewish state after the 1967 war, as part of the occupied territories, Mr Beilin said. But he added that it fell short of PLO demands for an armed international force.

Ghassan Khatib, a former negotiator to Washington peace talks, predicted the PLO's inability to gain the international force would further erode its support in the territories. "The PLO has not shown a firm reaction to the massacre," he said.

In Hebron, the commission of enquiry toured the Cave of the Patriarchs, a site sacred to both Jews and Muslims, on its second day of deliberations in order to discern how Goldstein was able to enter unhindered and carry out the massacre.

Major-General Danny Yatom, West Bank Commander and the only soldier who was at his post inside the cave that fateful day, gave closed briefings to commission members. Outside, the city's 120,000 residents remained confined to their homes under an army curfew widely resented as a punishment of victims. Army officials say that the curfew is still in effect because attempts to lift it for brief periods have resulted in intense clashes.

Police meanwhile defused a bomb at the door of the French Cultural Centre in the Christian port of Jounieh north of Beirut yesterday, 10 days after a bomb killed 10 worshippers in a nearby church.

Police said the 13 lb bomb was wrapped in red paper to make it look like a present and placed at the door of the centre just two miles from the church of Our Lady of Salvation that was bombed on February 27. Three suspects were being held last night.

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Clinton moves to counter reports of bunker mentality in White House

Republicans push for showdown over Whitewater

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

■ Officials in the White House have been subpoenaed to testify before a grand jury. President Clinton now says he will allow his aides to appear before any enquiry

REPUBLICAN and Democrat chiefs moved towards a showdown yesterday over Republican demands for congressional hearings into the Whitewater affair.

George Mitchell, the Senate's Democratic leader, said such hearings would be a "political circus" designed to embarrass the President. Robert Dole, the Republican leader, theatened to force a vote that would put every Democrat on the spot. If the Democrats opposed hearings, they would risk appearing accomplices to a White House "cover-up" in an election year.

Robert Fiske, the Whitewater special prosecutor, was meanwhile meeting Alfonse D'Amato, the leading Republican advocate of hearings, to argue that they would pose a "severe risk to the integrity" of his investigation. The senator was expected only to offer special precautions against that happening.

The Republican demands also pose an uncomfortable dilemma for President Clinton, who at a Tuesday night press conference had little choice but concede that he would let White House aides appear before any congressional enquiry. He could hardly say otherwise as the conference was part of his new strategy of complete openness and full disclosure. It was one of the longest of his presidency and he answered more than 30 questions on Whitewater. He looked strained, but in contrast to his testy appearance on Monday he smiled and joked with reporters.

Advisers said that the aim was to dispel reports of a "bunker mentality" in the White House and to persuade the public that Mr Clinton was hiding nothing. They are determined not to evoke memories of President Nixon avoiding reporters and hunkering down in a besieged White House during the Watergate scandal.

Mr Clinton went straight from the conference to a rally to lift the spirits of about 400 White House employees. He again protested his innocence, declaring: "I wouldn't do anything to disgrace the office held by Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and Franklin Roosevelt." Hillary Clinton said that Whitewater was "nothing more than static on the radar screen and it'll clear up, it'll go away".

Today the first of six White House and four Treasury officials who have been subpoenaed by Mr Fiske are to appear before a federal grand jury. The White House will hand over Whitewater-related documents to the special prosecutor.

The drip-drip of damaging allegations continued, however. *The New York Times* yesterday ran an interview with a courier from Mrs Clinton's Rose law firm in Little Rock, Arkansas, who said he was told to shred documents following the announcement in January of Mr Fiske's appointment.

The courier, Jeremy Hedges, said that the documents were in files labelled "VWF" for Vincent Foster, the former partner and deputy White House counsel who knew as much as anybody about Whitewater but killed himself last July. Mr Hedges said that he was later called before two of the firm's top partners and told he should not assume the documents were Mr Foster's nor pass on "assumptions" to the investigators.

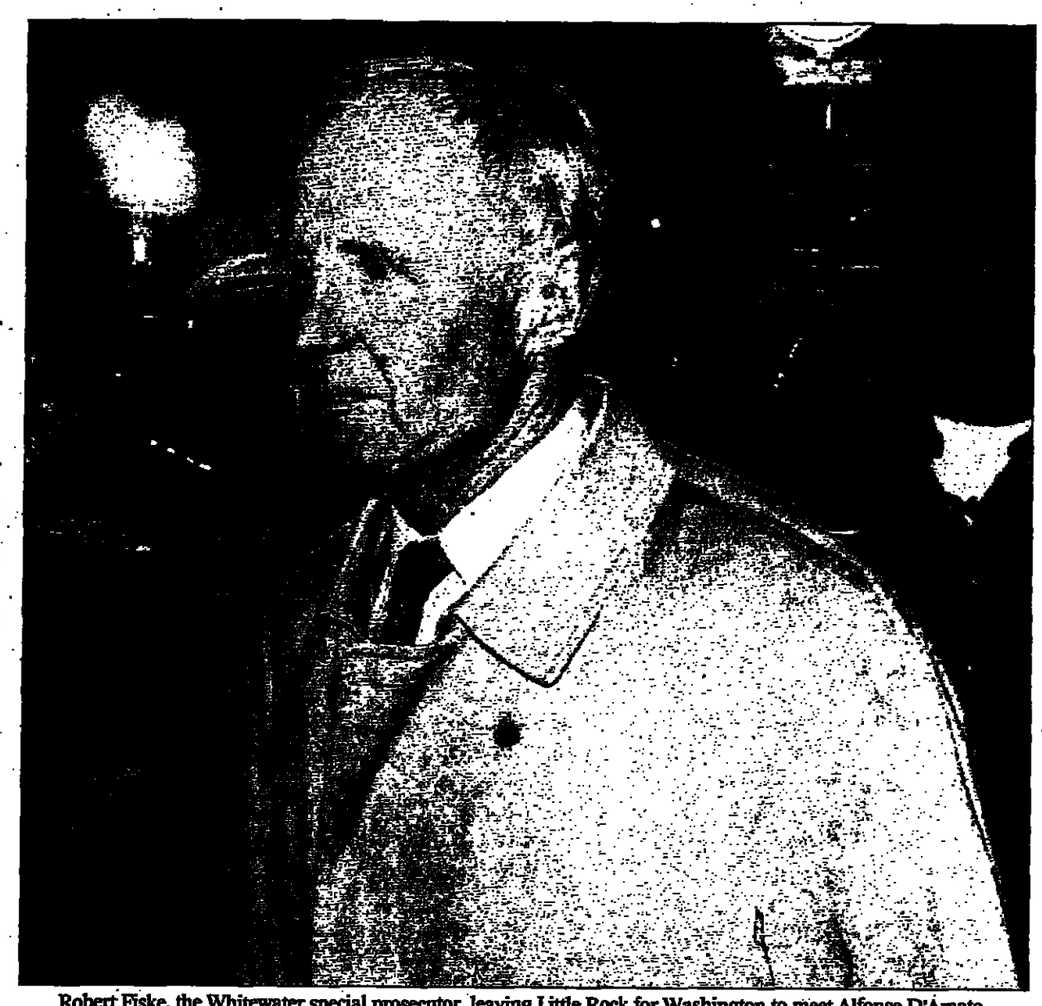
Another courier, Clayton Lindsey, told *The New York Times* that he had helped Mr Hedges shred files labelled "VWF", but the firm insists that the destroyed documents had nothing to do with Whitewater.

□ **Denver:** The Pope will mark the Year of the Family with a speech before the United Nations in October, *The Denver Post* reported yesterday.

Lenned Vasic, an aide in the UN's Social Development-Human Rights offices, told the newspaper that the trip to New York is being arranged through the UN. *(AP)*



Mrs Clinton: Whitewater "will clear up, go away"



Robert Fiske, the Whitewater special prosecutor, leaving Little Rock for Washington to meet Alfonse D'Amato, who wants Senate banking committee hearings. Mr Fiske believes this would compromise his investigation

Feminists back an embattled sister

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

In an unprecedented demonstration, two dozen feminists gathered outside the White House on Tuesday to show solidarity with an embattled sister, the First Lady. Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organisation for Women, claimed Hillary Clinton was being vilified over Whitewater "to get her to keep her head down" — a claim that is not unjustified.

The First Lady would not have been at the centre of the storm had she chosen stay-at-home motherhood rather than becoming a high-powered lawyer. She would have escaped even if she had chosen to be a conventional President's wife rather that a leading political player. More objective observers, however, suggest the feminists are trying to have it both ways by demanding that the First Lady be judged on her record, not her sex, then resorting to cries of sexism when that record is criticised.

Evidence that Mrs Clinton has mishandled Whitewater from the outset is strong. As a lawyer she represented the failed Arkansas bank at the heart of the Whitewater affair in spite of apparent conflicts of interest. She also argued strongly against full disclosure of the Whitewater facts, which has clearly exacerbated the situation.

Although the feminists portray Mrs Clinton as a victim, she is anything but. Democrats who know the Clintons well call her the more formidable politician of the two. And she is a shrewd manipulator of the media. Since the latest Whitewater eruption, however, she has scarcely been seen.

She has not come forward to fight her corner or even to concede mistakes. She has left her defence to her husband, who in an emotional outburst on Monday declared that he had "never known a person with a stronger sense of right and wrong". This, as Anna Quindlen of *The New York Times* put it, came "perilously close to a 'little woman' defence of Mrs Clinton".

Girl who divorced parents goes home

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE teenage girl who successfully sued to "divorce" her biological parents last year has now changed her mind and moved in with them, demonstrating that while the legal definition of parental ties may be changing, adolescent rebellion is not.

Kimberly Mays, who was accidentally switched at birth with another baby girl 15 years ago, made headlines last August when she tearfully pleaded with a Florida judge to let her stay with Robert Mays, the man who had brought her up.

The judge severed all legal ties between Kimberly and her natural parents, Ernest and Regina Twigg. But last week she fled from Mr Mays' home, checked into a shelter for young runaways, and has since moved into the Twiggs' home in Sebring, Florida.

George Russ, the lawyer who represented the teenager in her court battle, said Kimberly was suffering what he called "typical adolescent problems" compounded by the trauma of the bitter custody battle between her biological and adoptive parents.

The baby swap passed unnoticed until 1988 when Arlena Twigg, the child raised by the Twiggs as their own daughter, died of a heart defect, and blood tests proved she was not their child. The Twiggs then tracked down Kimberly and began a five-year court battle. Mrs Twigg claimed that Mr Mays had swapped the babies intentionally, but an FBI investigation found no evidence to support the allegation.



Kimberly Mays: ran away from father

UN condemns anti-Semitism

FROM REUTER IN GENEVA

THE United Nations Human Rights Commission yesterday became the first UN body formally to condemn anti-Semitism, in a vote hailed by Jewish campaigners as the "final blow" against Hitler.

Hitherto, the commission has tended to focus on rights abuses by Israel. It has passed resolutions against Israeli actions in the occupied territories every year since Israel captured them in 1967.

The 53-member commission, of which Israel is not a member, included the condemnation in a broad resolution against all forms of racism, although not without weeks of behind-the-scenes wrangling that pitted America against Syria. The resolution, sponsored by Turkey, also condemned discrimination against blacks, Arabs and Muslims. A 1975 General Assembly resolution, equating Zionism with racism, was dropped in 1991.

Son succeeds to power in Antigua

St John's: Lester Bird, 56, has been elected Prime Minister of Antigua and Barbuda, succeeding his father, Vere Bird, 84, and extending the Antigua Labour Party's power for a fifth term, officials said.

The former Deputy Prime Minister took over because his father is retiring after a 54-year political career in which his family dominated politics. The ALP won 11 of the 17 seats in parliament. *(AFP)*

Hendrix suit

Los Angeles: James Sundquist, 25, who says he is Jimi Hendrix's son, is suing for part of the rock guitarist's estate. The Swede filed the lawsuit against James Hendrix, the musician's father. *(AP)*

Tribal flare-up

Bujumbura: Fighting between Burundi's Tutsi and Hutu tribes flared up again after the weekend massacre of Hutus in the capital. Radio Burundi said Hutus in the Bubanza and Ngozi provinces killed scores of Tutsis. *(AP)*

Barrack battle

Moscow: Two Russian border guard recruits killed six colleagues at a Pacific Ocean barracks after humiliating initiation rites and then shot down a helicopter sent to arrest them. *(Reuter)*

Cane defence

Singapore: The government here rejected US appeals not to cane a US teenager for vandalism, and said the punishment was neither extreme nor unprecedented. *(AP)*

Greek homage

Athens: Thousands gathered to pay their last respects to Melina Mercouri, the Greek Culture Minister, in a chapel next to the cathedral. She died last Sunday of cancer. *(AP)*

Time runs out

Marseilles: Marie-Rose Bonfiglio, 107, an Italian resident in France since she was three, could be deported as her permit is out of date. She has lost social security and pension rights. *(AFP)*

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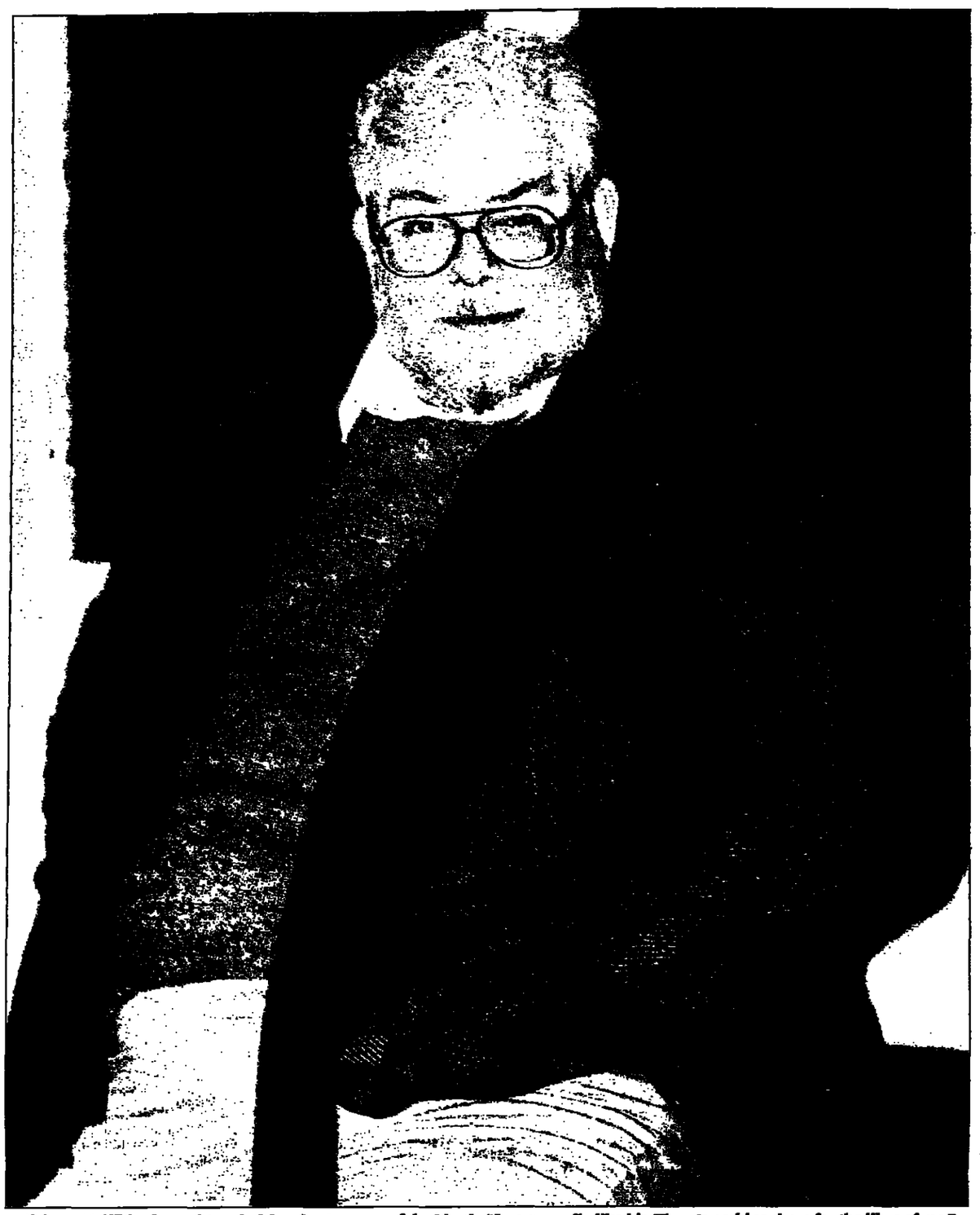
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Star with a fat chance

Brought up in a council house by deaf parents, Richard Griffiths is an unlikely hit, says Julia Llewellyn Smith



Richard Griffiths, brought up in Manchester, says of the North: "I never really liked it. There's nothing there for the likes of me."

Richard Griffiths sighs when I ask about his next role. He is starring as a former policeman turned restaurateur in a new BBC drama series *Pie in the Sky*, which starts on Sunday. Ahem. How can I put this? Was there possibly some typecasting here? For Griffiths is very fat. He won't say how much he weighs, but 20 stone is thought a fair estimate. He is 46, but could be 10 years older. Sitting back in his chair in the bar at the National Theatre he looks like the ghost of Orson Welles.

"Well, I suppose the popular imagination would have it that chefs must be fat," he says in his seductive, flat-vowelled tones. "In fact most of the chefs I have known are as *thin as lathes*."

It seems inevitable that a man of Griffiths's size will spend a fair part of his career playing jolly dolts and greedy buffoons — such as the lascivious Uncle Monty in the cult film *Withnail and I*. Many actors might envy such a marketable feature. But Griffiths, who recalls teenage agonies when girls only wanted to be his friend, finds it depressing. He is so irritated by his weight that he now refuses parts that actively call for a fat person.

"If the cast list says Joe Bloggs, I will say 'Fine'. *If it says Joe Bloggs* (very fat), I will say 'Go get lost'," he says. One of his most dispiriting experiences was when he was offered the part of Friar Tuck, in *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, which starred Kevin Costner. "Typical, I thought." He refused, hoping for a better offer from a rival production with Jack Nicholson and was rewarded with the part of the Sheriff of Nottingham. Two days later the project folded and he was left with nothing.

At the moment he is playing the title role in David Hare's production of Brecht's *The Life of Galileo* at the Almeida Theatre, London. Galileo is not necessarily a fat man's role, but Griffiths's corpulence adds to the sense of the scientist's sensuality, a quality that lends him humanity but ultimately leads to his undoing, before the torture instruments of the Inquisition. His performance has attracted adjectives such as "outstanding", "commanding" and "masterful".

For Griffiths, the play, which ends on March 31, has been a revelation. "David Hare has rescued Brecht for me," he says. "Usually, his theatre is all incomprehensibly dull and patronising. He wants to spell everything out to the working man, repeating everything four times. The kind of audience you get at the Almeida is too sophisticated for that. Hare has ripped all that away. He has done the work of a forester."

It is a metaphor that could also be applied to Griffiths, whose girth belies a sensitive, soft-spoken man. Unfairly, you expect him to bellow extravagantly; instead he charms quietly, reeling off a string of theatrical anecdotes in a laconic deadpan. His delicacy is the result of a "perverse" childhood in a council house in Teesside. Both his parents were deaf mutes and Griffiths grew up without music or sound. Until he went to school at the age of five he had spoken to nobody except a French babysitter who lived across the corridor.

His mother went through seven more pregnancies, but only John, born when Griffiths was six, survived more than a few days.

"It was pretty different," he says, dragging lightly on a cigarette, "but it was good. It helped my imagination hugely. I was reading from the age of three. If you are used to silence, it's not threatening. I still hate extraneous noise."

His father was a steel worker, with an unfulfilled passion for painting; his mother was a seamstress and a great dancer. "It was a mystery to me. She would watch the conductor's baton at the dance hall and think 'Oh, yes a waltz' and off she'd go. No one would have ever known that she was deaf."

All communication was in sign language, which made Griffiths very sensitive to gesture and movement. He was bemused to see his first theatrical show, *The Gondoliers*, performed by the touring D'Oyly Carte, because the singers "were just moving from A to B. They didn't realise that their bodies could be used to express so much."

After school, he studied art, but was put off by his generation's insistence on painting nothing but "rainbows on twigs". In any case, he was intimidated by the realisation that Rembrandt or Velázquez, his heroes, had produced some of their greatest works at his age. "I knew I would never be a front ranker and I couldn't accept that."

He had no inhibitions about acting , however, because he had barely seen any. His father regarded the theatre as the " ultimate poofery" and was appalled when his son switched to drama. He studied at the Northern College of Music in Manchester.

He is unsentimental about the North and has not been back since his father died in 1976. "I never really liked it; I found it unnecessarily hard, tough and ignorant. There's nothing there for the likes of me."

He loves the theatre precisely because of its "wonderful degree of tolerance", which his early surroundings lacked. His memories of poverty made him lose all faith in politics, or religion. The theatre, he feels, at least tries to do something for the spirit.

Most of the time, however, the spirit must take second place to survival. Griffiths has a large house to keep in Stratford-upon-Avon where he lives with his wife Heather. Despite his roles in films such as *The Naked Gun* and *A Private Function* and ten years with the Royal Shakespeare Company, bowing out in the roles of Volpone and, of course, Henry VIII, there have been times when he has under 12 weeks' notice to quit his home. "I only worked four weeks in 1991 to 1992; it was the worst feeling."

Time spent at the Almeida is a luxury that he cannot altogether afford. "It's quite a sacrifice for me financially, because they haven't got any money. But what they do have is the aspiration to do the best possible work. You earn your money in television and then you give it back by doing the theatre."

At the moment he is fully booked until 1995, "a new experience", he says. He is making a film called *Funny Bones* with Jerry Lewis and Oliver Reed. Then he will start a second series of *Pie in the Sky*. "So I've got the house for this year at least." His face cranks up into a heartbreaking, crinkly smile.

Families taxed into retreat

Children today have become an unaffordable luxury. More generous family allowances are essential



MARGOT NORMAN

At first sight the Institute of Economic Affairs has made a rum sort of contribution to International Women's Day with its collection of essays entitled *Liberating Women . . . from Modern Feminism*. It is more amusing than edifying to see Eysenck's old colleague Dr Glenn Wilson trying to demolish the notion of the "glass ceiling" in the workplace through his theory that women's assertiveness can be measured by the length of their fingers.

Perhaps he is just trying to create a market for finger-measuring kits among male personnel directors who are, he concedes, innately less likely to be good at picking people than their female counterparts. In Dr Wilson's view the men owe their promotion, and indeed virtually any kind of achievement, to their testosterone, ie, their maleness. So strongly does he believe in the magical powers of testosterone that he would like to explain away the occasional high-achieving woman as a kind of honorary man whose mother must have taken male hormones while she was pregnant.

I think we can safely explain away this essay as a bid for funds to research the antenatal diets of the mothers of Margaret Thatcher, Dorothy Hodgkin and Mother Teresa. It would be a mistake, though, to take anything but seriously the essay "Double Income, No Kids: The Case for a Family Wage" by the sociologist Patricia Morgan. She focuses on the dilemma of Shirley from Luton who, at 35, is dying to have children but can't afford to give up work because of the mortgage repayments. She is afraid of missing the boat altogether: she feels as if she has an illness for which there is no cure.

Her sickness is, as Morgan says, endemic on both sides of the Atlantic. For two decades births have been insufficient to replace the population, and the birth rate for dual-earner couples is even lower than that of the general population. The main reason for this is not an infertility epidemic but money. What concerns her is the way that tax and employment changes brought about since the 1960s, largely because women wanted to make more productive and satisfying use of their time, have wound up penalising families by making children an unaffordable luxury for the Shirleys of the western world.

Blaming "modern feminism" — the group-rights sort as opposed to the classical liberal, individualist sort — is, of course, a bit like explaining the abolition of slavery purely in terms of William Wilberforce's moral arguments and ignoring the part played by the price of sugar. The Treasury was happy to freeze the Married Couple's Allowance because it stood to make £1,750 million, and happy to restrict relief to the lowest (20 per cent) tax rate, as that will save a further £900 million this year: that was the attraction, not pressure from equality activists.

Whatever the explanation, the result is, as Morgan says, to get rid of the only remaining recognition of the extra costs of those with family responsibilities in our tax system (after the abolition of child tax allowances), to drive another nail into the coffin of the family wage, and to put the one-income family in the same income tax position as a single, childless person, since the family will, at the same time, be paying more in local taxation.

It is not the highly skilled, high-earning "Dinkies" who are priced out of having children by the system, but the couples earning £20,000 to £30,000 between them. Even if they decide to forego the wife's earnings while she has a child — probably squaring the financial circle by using her savings — the husband will have to pay more tax as a single earner than he did as half of an employed couple. As Morgan says, all the paternal effort in the world won't keep a family if it is taxed away. At the very least, Nigel Lawson's defeated attempt to introduce tax allowances that were fully transferable between family members should be revived.

"At present", Morgan writes, "not only is social security expenditure dominated by the growing bill for state pensions, but a vast and fast increasing amount of tax relief is available to provide for decades of affluent leisure when there are no dependent children, while families are suffering a worsening deficit of time and resources for investment in the future productivity of the nation. Societies can function without retirement + indeed, mass provision of substantial labour-free incomes for adults will break the back of any economy — but not without families equipped to maintain the next generation."

Focusing on child benefit is not the answer. Morgan calls for a more flexible and more generous approach to family allowances, both state and private, to help men and women spread the extra costs of becoming parents over their working lives. She puts this into an instructive context of 1920s feminism: when Eleanor Rathbone was arguing for equal pay and an end to sex discrimination in employment, she was careful also to demand compensation through state or occupational family allowances for the loss of the man's "family wage". Rathbone saw quite clearly then the consequences we are seeing now of making it impossible for a family to survive on a single wage.

It is worth putting Rathbone's comments into their historical context too. Under 10 per cent of women were in any kind of paid employment in her day but, according to a forthcoming book by Joanna Bourke, over half the women were in paid work in 1850. It's a long story, the one about working women . . .

Television workhorses finally put out to grass

House of Eliott bids a gracious farewell but _Minder_ makes an exit with its rogues no longer so lovable



LYNNE TRUSS

SUNDAY saw the last ever *House of Eliott* (BBC1). "No!" I gasped when I heard the news of the Eliotts' forthcoming *demise, looking up from my* fancy beadwork (jet and pearl), while my eyes went all funny. Wrongly, I had assumed that *The House of Eliott* would continue production for years and years (like *Upstairs, Downstairs*), with its comfortingly mindless advances and set-backs, successes and disasters, vertiginous ups and downs, lousy two-dimensional dialogue, interwoven great events of social history, and non-stop parade of fantastic period clobber.

But now it is no more. The gooseberry of fortune in the House of Eliott's metaphorical lift has finally come to rest, and many of its features will be mourned hereafter. Never again will Evie (Louise Lombard) bite an exquisite lip and lower a perfect creamy eyelid to convey uncontrollable emotion. And never again will the viewer reach the end of a tragic episode — the death of Mrs Ranby under the wheels of a bus — and then be obliged to wait precisely five . . . respectful . . . gloomy . . . peculiar . . . seconds . . . before . . . Phew! The jaunty violin Dee-de-dee-dee-dee-dyip-dee theme tune breaks in and relieves the tension.

Judging when to exit, leaving the audience calling for more, is notoriously the most difficult thing in show business. *Minder* (ITV), which ends tonight after 107 virtually identical nice little earners over 14 years, left its exit truthfully a bit too late. *Love Hurts* (BBC1) ends for ever next Friday, for the respectable reason that the story dictates it, leaving eight million fans distraught at the untimeliness of the sweet sorrow. With *The House of Eliott*, however, they probably judged the moment just about right. Evie had lost her innocence; the business had nowhere to go; the marriage of Bea and Jack was now as solid as a rock; the frocks were not the whoops of delight they once were; and the scalp-short hairstyles acquired in America made the sisters look frighteningly flinty and mean, like *haute couture* punks.

It's still a shame about *Minder*, though. Few popular TV series have been written and performed with such sheer brio. If you met the words "You're not imputing impropriety, I do 'ope," running wild in the deserts of Arabia, you would certainly shout "Minder!" without a second thought. At its heyday, in 1985, Minder reached an audience figure of 17.5 million; and its creator Leon Griffiths received a Bafta award. Even at the last count, *Minder* was watched by nearly 12 million. But personally, I just dipped into it from time to time ("Oh good, Dave's all right") and then dipped right back out again. Its nadir, for me, was at the end of the drawn-out Dennis Waterman-Terry McCann era, when the souring relationship between the treacherous Arthur and the exploited Terry was like watching someone whip a dog. I never trusted Arthur after that.

Despite the refreshing introduction of nephew Ray (Gary Webster) in 1991 as Arthur's replacement sidekick, the limits of *Minder* were soon reached. The sad thing is, it has been living off its dialogue and performances, rather than its story lines, for ages. Even the trumpeted 100th episode, "All Things Brighton Beautiful", was disappointingly the same old thing: Arthur getting out of his depth, on the run from a loony ex-con, and then everything turning out all right after all. I remember how William Shatner (of *Star Trek*) once told a story on a chat show about American boys surviving a Vietnamese detention camp by mentally cataloguing the voyages of the Starship Enterprise. Similar time spent recalling plots to 107 *Minders*, I fear, would be so depressing a prospect that any sensible prisoner would opt for Russian roulette.



Cole and Webster in *Minder*: strong acting, weak plots

Farewell then, *Minder*. The ironic thing is that, decked with all the enthusiastic Dickens comparisons from luminaries such as Malcolm Bradbury, nobody paused to reflect that, having once invented the Artful Dodger, Dickens did not write 106 more stories about him, demonstrating his harmless likeability. On an early *Did You See..?* (BBC2), panel member Professor Dennis Donoghue of New York University pronounced in all academic seriousness that Arthur Daley was an insidiously immoral invention, tending to corrupt public attitudes towards petty crime. At the time, I thought he was bonkers. But perhaps he was right. Certainly *Minder's* writers must have found it progressively difficult to find crime petty enough for Daley to dabble in, without upsetting the moral applecart. Lovable rogue is becoming a contradiction in terms.

The other point about the Artful Dodger, however, is that he has a life of his own. Will Beatrice and Evangeline, Madge and Tilly, or Tessa and Frank, live on for ever? In the long run, no. Had *Minder* ended five years ago, George Cole's Arthur Daley would still have survived in the public imagination, for the simple reason that he's now indelibly mixed up with everything else. Saying goodbye to Arthur on screen is therefore like having the consolation of religion in bereavement. He's gone, certainly; but somehow he hasn't *left*.

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Will a coronary scupper your chances in the House?... reasons for premature birth... good news for heavy drinkers

The hearts of Parliament



"WHERE there is death, there is hope" is a cynical message which encourages ambitious politicians. They should, however, not waste their time casting an envious eye on the elaborately carved ceremonial chair of Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

Recovery from a coronary, and a full return to work, is now the rule rather than the exception. Doctor McLean Baird, of the British Heart Foundation, says: "The outlook for a patient is good, far better than it was and is still improving. The first year is a difficult one, but after that patients do very well. Four out of five patients who have had a heart attack are alive five years afterwards, a great majority who succumb will do so in the first year."

There is also good news for those who want to continue working. Work, laden as it is with irritations and frustrations, can easily induce angina in patients with narrowed coronary arteries; but although it may cause coronary constriction from time to time, and therefore pain, Dr Baird says that statistics show that in most occupations working doesn't materially alter the long-term prognosis.



MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

A patient's life-expectancy after a heart attack is to some extent dependent on which artery was blocked by the thrombosis. If the left coronary artery is affected there is greater damage to the heart muscle, and the chances for survival for the first year are adversely influenced.

Mr Heseltine's recent performances have inevitably excited talk about his political future, and the extent to which his health might influence it. There is also a direct comparison across the gangway with John Smith, who has made a good recovery from a by-pass operation.

Mr Heseltine had his heart attack on June 20 last year, but no detailed reports were issued about its nature. He was later admitted to a London clinic for investigations and it is reasonable to suppose that he had an angiogram, and that when better his heart was subjected to a stress test. There has been no suggestion that as yet he needs a by-pass and it is reasonable to assume that there is no evidence of dangerous narrowing in his arteries, that his heart function is good and that there is no evidence of heart failure.

Mr Smith, too, can be reassured. For, even though the state of his coronary arterial tree did demand by-pass surgery, he has every chance of being around for several more parliaments. The ten-year figure for "event-free" survival (a nice medical euphemism) are 90.1 per cent.

Even patients whose heart suffered severe damage — so that they are left with poor ventricular function, or actual heart failure — are also doing better. The introduction of ACE inhibiters has improved their outlook by 21 per cent, thereby reinforcing advantages which have already accrued from the use of long-term aspirin therapy, and in suitable cases, beta-blockers.

Neither Mr Smith nor Mr Heseltine may ever reach No 10, but neither should be deterred on grounds of health from making the attempt should they wish to.

Early babies



MOST women are relieved when they reach the twelfth week of pregnancy and the danger of miscarriage recedes. A few go on to lose their babies in the next three months, and others have an early delivery with its hazards to the premature child.

A highly significant cause of late miscarriage and early labour has been explored at the Northwich Park Hospital, Middlesex, where doctors have studied the organisms found in vaginal discharges, and related their findings to the outcome of the pregnancy.

Previous research had suggested that bacterial vaginosis — the presence of an abnormally large number of anaerobic organisms in general and of Gardnerella vaginalis in particular — in the discharge was associated with early labour.

The Northwich Park research, published in the *British Medical Journal*, confirms this earlier work, and more importantly shows that the same organisms are related to miscarriage in the normally safe trimester between the twelfth and twenty-fourth weeks of pregnancy.

Bacterial vaginosis, which can be treated with antibiotics, caused a five-and-half-fold increase in the miscarriage rate and a three-fold increase in early labour.

Bar matters



THAT heavy and prolonged drinking has an adverse effect on intellectual prowess is as obvious in the bar as it is on any ward round. Impairment, however, is patchy as some skills are retained almost in full while others, at present inexplicably, are lost.

Scans show that the brains of heavy drinkers are smaller than those who drink in moderation or not at all, and in time become shrivelled like walnuts. Microscopy demonstrates that the atrophy is the result of loss of white, rather than grey, matter.

Research by two Danish scientists, Doctors Grethe Badsberg Jensen and Bente Pakkenberg has provided good news for heavy drinkers who are able to give up. Their work has shown that the number of neurones (the brain's nerve cells) are not reduced in number by alcohol, but that the damage alcohol causes is to the nerve cell extensions (the dendrites).

This is reassuring news as nerve cells once destroyed cannot be replaced. But, if as the scientists suggest the damage is to the dendrites and the cell body is preserved, total abstinence might allow regrowth. The Danish study suggests a reason for the clinical observation that if heavy drinkers stop drinking, there is an improvement in their intellect.

Perils of playing doctor in the house



A diabetic with a blood glucose test: research shows that diabetes tests work better than most

Cheap kits for diagnosing your own kidney stones or cancer may soon be available. **Nigel Hawkes** surveys the potential market and weighs the advantages

Do-it-yourself diagnostics — over-the-counter kits for diagnosing a range of diseases from high blood pressure to Aids — are set to be a big growth area in medicine.

The kits give people more control over their own lives, can provide earlier diagnosis of dangerous conditions, and for those who are already ill can ensure they are getting the right level of medication. But home diagnosis worries some doctors, who fear people will be needlessly concerned or falsely reassured by the results of tests carried out in their own bathrooms.

The tests could also have significant effects on medical costs. People may discover things about themselves that will send them rushing round to the doctor for treatment, adding to the NHS drug bill. Thousands of worried men demanding drugs to lower their blood cholesterol levels may not amount to good medical practice.

So far, Britain is only beginning to nibble at a market which is booming in America. There home diagnostic products are among the fastest-growing lines in the pharmacies. During 1993, sales of blood pressure kits and blood-glucose meters racked up growth rates of 30 per cent or more. In Britain, the best-established kits are for pregnancy testing, sales of which grew by more than 20 per cent last year, and for helping diabetics control their condition. But cheap kits for a whole range of diseases are on the way.

Within a few years, for example, it is possible that kits could be available for testing for prostate cancer, a disease that kills 9,000 men in Britain every year. Early diagnosis could save many of those lives, but it would have other effects. If we assume that a test produces a 10 per cent "false positive" rate, and a million middle-aged men are using it twice a year, 200,000 will be getting an alarming, and incorrect, message. Many lives may be saved, but the NHS may also struggle to deal with those wrongly diagnosed, to say nothing of the stress to the individuals themselves.

Arguments like these have made the US Food and Drug Administration tread carefully over home diagnosis. Thomas Tsakeris, director of the division responsible, has asked: "How good should a home use test be in terms of the public health? We simply don't have in place ways to determine public health outcome. For example, we don't know at FDA if home use of the cholesterol test will have any impact on heart disease."

> Patients may be needlessly worried or falsely reassured by the tests

No such concerns affect one of the most successful of home test kits, those used by diabetics to monitor blood glucose levels. Several major companies, including Bayer Diagnostics and Boehringer Mannheim, compete for this market, which is large. Britain alone has about 800,000 diagnosed diabetics. For insulin-dependent diabetics (of whom there are about 250,000) Bayer markets a kit costing £29 which involves taking a drop of blood and exposing it to light in a meter which gives a digital read-out of glucose levels.

A study published recently in the *New England Journal of Medicine* showed that patients who use meters like these can control the condition significantly better. It is hoped that benefits will include a reduction in long-term effects, which can include kidney damage and blindness. Even small improvements in control could have significant effects: diabetes is reckoned to be the third most common cause of death in developed countries, after heart disease and cancer.

Kidney-stone sufferers can also monitor their condition using a simple test developed by a Cardiff company, Gyrus Medical. This kit monitors the levels of salts in the urine, warning when more fluid should be taken to prevent the formation of stones. It is designed for people who have suffered the agony of kidney stones and want to try to ensure they won't get another one. The test kit sells for £90 in the US and Germany, but not yet in Britain, where no distributor has yet been signed up. Colin Goble of Gyrus says: "People in Britain haven't yet got the message about tests like these."

Over-the-counter Aids tests that fit into the top pocket and take just eight minutes to determine whether you are HIV-positive do exist but are illegal in Britain. The rules insist that testing for HIV should not be detached from counselling. Aids charities are alarmed at the prospect of this changing. Peter Glover, of ACET (Aids Care Education and Training), says: "We would have the strongest reservations about test kits for HIV. We are very concerned about possible suicides, because of the state of mind of somebody who diagnosed himself HIV-positive."

Of the tests that are available, cholesterol kits are the most controversial, largely because a knowledge of blood cholesterol levels on their own is not necessarily very informative. Roger Odd of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society says that these tests are best done only in consultation with a professional person able to interpret them. "Our guidance is that people should seek advice from pharmacists or doctors, because the readings are variable, and difficult to interpret." Tests by the Consumers' Association also found that home cholesterol kits could be inaccurate.

The BMA agrees that cholesterol testing can mislead. "You can have a high cholesterol level, but a low risk of succumbing to heart disease," a spokeswoman said. "With home testing in general, we worry about patients who can be needlessly worried or falsely reassured. Most tests are best discussed with your doctor."

Worries like these seem certain to proliferate if tests become available for early signs of colon, prostate or even breast cancer. For the moment, the major companies are steering clear of such devices, and the FDA recently refused to approve a home test for diagnosing throat infections because of doubts about its accuracy.

The immediate future lies with tests for chronic but controllable diseases: urinary tract infections, heart disease involving patients on anti-clotting drugs, perhaps allergies and asthma as well: less a case of "patient, heal thyself" than of making sure an existing condition is getting no worse.

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Tell the truth about Aids in Africa

After working in Zimbabwe, **Dr Duncan Keeley** says that we ignore this disease at our peril

WE don't see a lot of Aids in the small country town in which I work. In inner London where I worked as a GP before coming here we looked after a small but growing number of Aids patients mainly coming from the known high-risk groups. But out here in middle England Aids is not, at present, a visible problem. So has too much fuss been made of Aids? Absolutely not.

Before settling down to a quiet life as a small-town GP I worked for three years in the mid-1980s as a paediatrician in Zimbabwe, the first nine months working as a senior registrar in the Harare teaching hospital. We were seeing increasing numbers of children with a puzzling combination of problems. They suffered from repeated acute infections, they failed to gain weight normally, they had persistent lymph node enlargement, and not infrequently they died.

The local paediatricians were unable to explain why these children were not getting better — until antibody tests for HIV proved repeatedly positive both on the children and their mothers. The children's fathers, when tested, were also almost invariably HIV positive. Usually the parents were still well, though sometimes they too were losing weight and showing signs of chronic ill health.

At this point I moved to work as the paediatrician at a hospital serving a town of 300,000 people just south of the capital. Aware by this stage of when to suspect HIV infection in childhood, I saw the number of affected children grow rapidly during the two years I worked there. The harrowing task of explaining to parents why their child was not responding to treatment became a regular feature of the working week.

I did not meet a single doctor working in Zimbabwe who had the slightest doubt that what we were seeing was Aids, caused by infection with HIV. It was particularly tragic to see Aids appearing in a country which had made enormous strides in primary health-care provision: the level of childhood immunisation against whooping cough and measles, for example was higher in that town than in Islington where I had worked before leaving England.

AIDS in Zimbabwe at that time followed the pattern of an infection spread both by sexual intercourse and by mothers to newborn children — and an infection which had arrived relatively recently and was coming from the north. Outside the capital the problem was commonest in the towns on the truck routes down from Zambia, commonest in women working as prostitutes — and their clients. The disease was very rare in the south of the country, in the elderly, and in children over five.

The reasons for the predominantly heterosexual spread of Aids in Africa are not entirely understood. One possible explanation lies in the high prevalence of other venereal diseases which might make it more likely for the Aids virus to be transmitted by heterosexual intercourse. In a country like Zimbabwe the migrant labour system means that many men spend most of the year away from their families. This is not a way of life that is conducive to monogamy.

In the mid-1980s the Ministry of Health in Zimbabwe failed to recognise the growing Aids problem and issued official figures which greatly underestimated the true extent of HIV-related disease. This was understandable but tragic. Then as now, there as here, the only real weapon we have against Aids is the truth — that people should know the risks of promiscuity and of unprotected sex. Zimbabwe now pursues an energetic campaign of public information and education about the risk of Aids.

ONE does not have to spend long witnessing the suffering and misery of families with Aids to feel very angry about anything done to undermine the public education effort which offers the only means so far of preventing that suffering. Prominence has recently been given to newspaper reports suggesting that Aids in Africa is a myth. Anyone living in sub-Saharan Africa who believes Aids to be a myth and fails to take precautions risks illness and death for themselves, their present and future sexual partners, and their children as yet unborn.

But the risks to white heterosexuals are surely small? Not entirely. Any evening in the expensive hotels of Harare one could see European businessmen strolling off with the better class of prostitute. Sexual encounters in high prevalence areas are a significant source of heterosexual Aids in Europe. Here in small town England we are careful when giving health advice to travellers, to make sure they don't believe everything they read in the Sunday papers.

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Janet Daley



■ Education without morals, the legacy of the Enlightenment, is like music without music

The Education Secretary gave a speech at King's College London this week, intriguingly called "Values in Higher Education". Given the Government's usual inclinations, this might have amounted to a lecture on value for money in higher education. But John Patten is cut from different cloth from most of his cabinet colleagues. As a former don, he has a genuine commitment to academic pursuits, and as a practising Catholic, a sincere belief in the usefulness of moral principles.

Alas, due to the dangerousness of the times and the depth of the political hot water into which Mr Patten might have dived headlong had he said anything of interest on this subject, his speech was an anodyne missed opportunity. For he, of all people, must be aware that there is indeed an issue to be addressed here which is of far greater importance than a lot of twaddle about student union subs or even the grant system.

Hinting as obliquely as possible at this great unmentionable, Mr Patten did describe the ancient founders of academic institutions as being always certain of "their role in promoting moral values". Had he gone on to say that academic life is now impoverished by its arid detachment, that scholarly discourse is frittering away its great gifts on trivia when it might be leading moral debate, he would, no doubt, have produced hysteria in the universities. He would have been caricatured as dictating some authoritarian code within which subjects must be taught. However speculative his comments, they would have been taken as a breach of sacred intellectual freedoms.

> Academia is literally de-valued by exclusive pursuit of objectivity

For the academic ideal of liberty — and I speak as a former academic reared in that culture — has become confounded with the idea of objectivity, forbidding any lapse of antiseptic disinterest. The idea that intellectual pursuit might be carried on within a context of explicit moral judgments has been in disrepute throughout the modern period. The roots of this attitude go back at least to the 18th century, when statements of fact and statements of value were definitively rent asunder.

Some would trace the breach even further back, to Cartesian scepticism. Doubting all that it is possible to doubt did not involve, for Descartes himself, a rejection of religion and its moral commands. For him, the existence of God was axiomatic: an indubitable truth from which other certainties could follow.

But the damage was done. The British empiricists completed the job with David Hume's triumphant conclusion that you cannot derive an "ought" from an "is": that no number of facts can ever produce a value judgment. What he meant, of course, is something rather more technical than it appears: that no series of factual propositions can ever logically *entail* a moral one. His argument presented a challenge to the history of moral philosophy, but he did not advocate it as a principle to govern ordinary life.

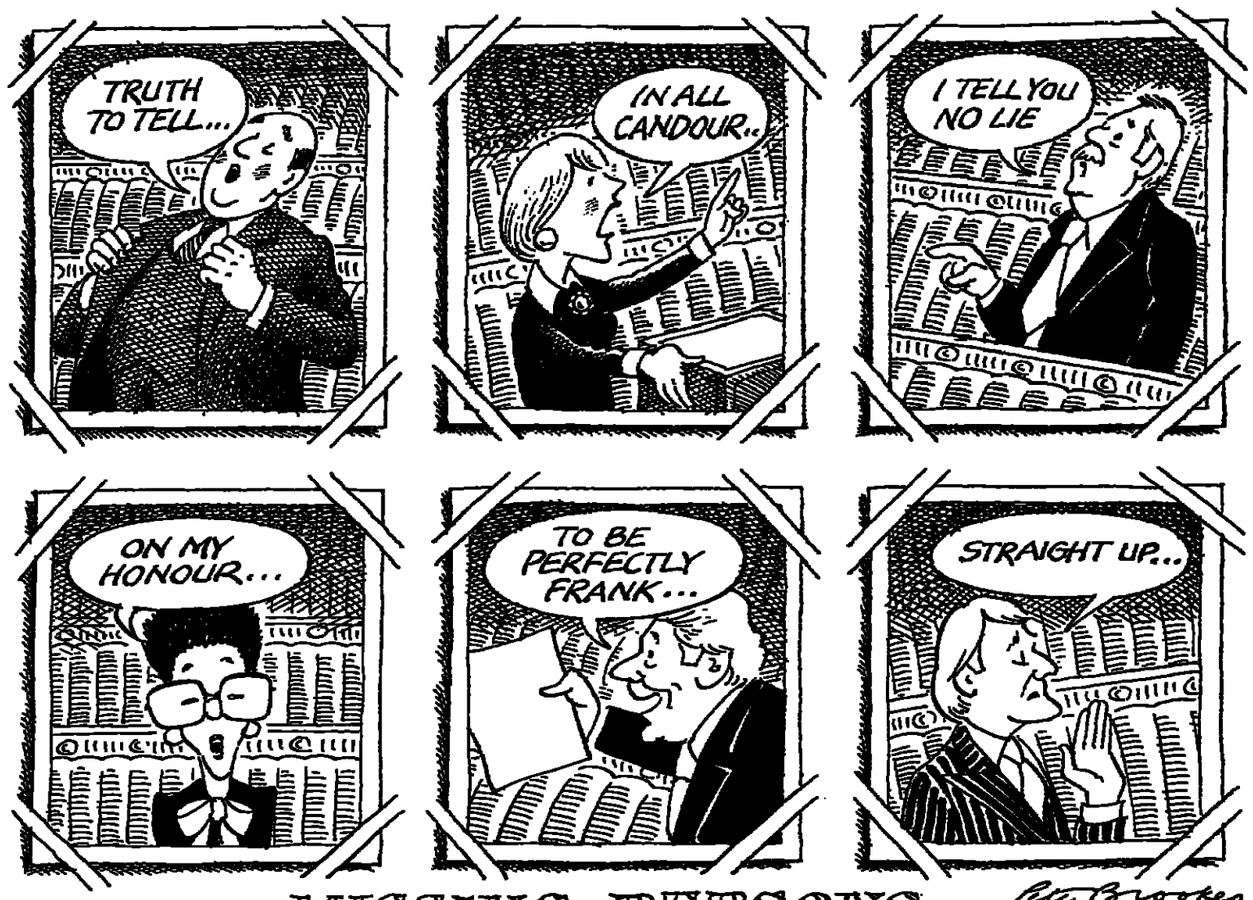
Moral conclusions might not be logically verifiable, but that did not make them unimportant. We were all to go on behaving as ethically as we were able, regardless of the fact that we could never deduce a moral judgment from any set of facts about the world. This debunking of absolutism fitted happily into the English tradition of rebellion against the Roman Church. But the de-valuing (in both senses) of all European scholarly life was proceeding apace, partly as a result of the stunning success of the physical sciences, which had proved the worth of objectivity beyond any doubt.

Attempts by the Church to suppress this unbiased search for truth cast a pall over the idea of a moral context for learning, which remains to this day. Galileo lives on in the heart of every scholar who is reminded of his ethical responsibilities, whether he is conducting a literature seminar or experiments in genetic engineering.

So where do we find ourselves, now we are at the tail-end of the Enlightenment? Disillusionment is rife with the crude divorce of human concerns (which are what moral debate is about) from higher learning. Students themselves rebel against it, sometimes in unattractive ways. But more seriously, they vote with their feet. Ironically, it is the sciences themselves which have suffered most from the dehumanising effect of being purged of an ethical dimension. Prospective undergraduates are now likely to see scientific detachment as repugnant rather than heroic.

But the arts are not unscathed. Philosophy has been trying, with only small success, to come in from its cold exile in the wastes of verbal analysis. When I was a student, it consisted entirely — as my five-year-old said when I tried to describe it to her — of "having ideas about ideas". Self-contained and self-justifying, it had become an irrelevant pastime for specialists. Literary study has disappeared up its own blind alley of incestuous theory, losing touch with the most morally influential of art forms, from which it sprang.

In seeking the hardest possible truth, we may have turned the life of the mind — which ought to be the finest expression of humanity — into a fruitless thing.



Who should lead England?

Leading from the middle won't do — in politics any more than cricket. And the national team needs inspiration

William Rees-Mogg

Most cricketers take a straightforward view of human society, but the game itself is almost the school of life that Victorian schoolmasters thought it. Certainly it is a most fruitful metaphor in peace and war, or in politics. When one thinks about qualities needed for leadership, one can no doubt turn to Nelson and his captains, or Napoleon and his marshals, but one might do as well by reflecting on the qualities of the cricket field.

Who now remembers Bertie Buse? He played cricket as an all-rounder for Somerset before and after the war. In his earlier years he was quite a useful bowler — with Bill Andrews he once ran through a West Indies side before lunch at Taunton — who could make a few runs. In his middle years he was quite a useful batsman who could hold up his end as a bowler. He went on playing into his forties, at which stage he averaged, year after year, about 30 as a bowler and about 25 as a batsman. An all-rounder whose wickets cost more than he makes with the bat must always have arithmetic against him.

I remember watching Somerset play Warwickshire at Wells in late July of 1951. I had recently heard that I had been awarded a second class degree in the History finals at Oxford; I was feeling an appropriate regret that I had not worked harder, had not known what a motte and bailey castle was (I thought the motte was the moat, but in fact it is the hump), and had not been able to say at my *viva* who had invented the microscope.

My mood of gentle regret was suited to the proceedings, at least so far as Somerset was concerned. The Wells ground has long since disappeared under a mushroom crop of houses; it was a tiny ground, on which the magnificent Arthur Wellard had twice in the 1930s hit five sixes in an over; I saw the second occasion. Any fast scoring that was done in 1951 was by Warwickshire, though there was not much of that. J.S. Ord, not an exciting batsman, scored 123 runs, his only century of the season.

Through the Warwickshire innings, Bertie Buse toiled on, running up to the wicket in his own melancholy way, with a certain precision but without the least *elan*. He could swing the ball; Wells, like Taunton, has the heavy Somerset air which encourages swing bowling. I think he swung the ball early; he certainly swung it more slowly after he reached the age of 40. If one can imagine a ball delivered at slow medium pace and following the trajectory of a banana, that was H.T.F. Buse. I do not think he ever greatly expected to take a wicket, but he was accurate and steady; if a batsman was foolish enough to want to get out, Buse would not positively prevent him from doing so.

While I was drinking a couple of glasses of George's Best Bitter — itself an un-nostalgic memory, a thin and sour post-war brew — Bertie Buse bowled 33 overs, had 75 runs scored off him, and took two wickets. It was an entirely characteristic performance. The following day he had to bat twice, as Somerset were made to follow on. In the first innings he was caught in the slips off Hollies, a really good slow bowler. That season, Hollies took 145 wickets for an average of less than 18, despite an injury to his leg. In the second innings, Buse scored 20 not out, but Somerset were defeated by an innings and 122 runs.

One could look at Buse's career in two ways. One could well think that he was lacking in natural cricketing talent. He was a batsman who could just about score 50 on his day, off a weak county attack; he was a bowler who on a difficult pitch might get as many as three wickets in an innings. Against Derbyshire at Frome, in that same year, he even took six wickets in the match, but Somerset still lost by more than 100 runs. He was, in 1951, the seventh best batsman and fifth best bowler in the Somerset averages.

Yet one could look at his performance in another way. It could be regarded as a triumph of professionalism. Whenever he ought to have played forward, he did play forward; when he ought to have played back, he did play back. It was not his fault that he had not been given an immortal hand or eye. His bowling had the same professional character as his batting. He seldom bowled short or wide and he seldom bowled a full pitch. He was not a gift to any batsman, and year after year county batsman averaged only 2.5 runs an over off him, just less than a run off every other ball. Unfortunately he bowled with so little venom that it took him some 14 overs, on average, to take a wicket. When he was bowling, one did not sit on the edge of one's seat.

As the years went by, the Somerset crowds warmed gently to him. He was always there; he never seemed to be injured or ill. He was a utility player rather well suited to the drab utility period of the post-war years. He seldom changed the course of a match, but if 20 runs had to be scored, he could usually score them, and if 30 overs had to be bowled for not more than about 75 runs and a couple of wickets, he could usually bowl them. He must have had a stern ambition to stay so long and do so little.

Bertie Buse was never a star, though there were stars in the Somerset teams of his period. Before the glorious days of Ian Botham and Viv Richards, Somerset already had the aggressive batting tradition of Harold Gimblett — a far greater batsman than his meagre Test record suggests — and Arthur Wellard. In 1951, Maurice Tremlett, the father of another excellent cricketer, scored over 2,000 runs. Buse was the batsman who came in when the stars had been dismissed, the bowler who came on when the stars needed a rest.

He was, of course, anything but charismatic. He had indeed an almost touching anti-charisma. He wore an expression of contained anxiety, like an accountant who cannot find £17.28 in an audit of millions. He was in fact an all-round athlete, and played first class rugger as well as first class cricket, but he did not look like an athlete at all.

One would have thought from the disposition of his limbs that his body had been shaped by the Dickensian labour of scratching all day with a quill pen, seated at one of those old-fashioned tall stools in an office with half blacked-out windows. The Somerset crowd rather like this quality in him.

Bertie Buse was very English. Certainly he had that extreme reliability of character which would in those days still have been regarded as a particularly English quality.

One could call it steadiness under fire, except that it amounted to being equally steady whether under fire or not. He would have made an excellent signalman on the early railways. The board of directors would have known that the Penzance express was not going to crash into the Exeter milk train when Buse was in the signal box. What could be done by regularity and method would be done. What required exceptional talent, let alone the anarchy of genius, was unfortunately another matter. Apart from the West Indians at Taunton in 1939, when the ball was swinging like a knobkerrie, I doubt if any batsman was ever surprised by Bertie Buse — as a batsman he never took a bowler by storm.

His mood was very English too, though again of a particular kind. He radiated a certain orderly sadness. He would, I suppose, have like to be touched with genius, and may have felt, as Salieri may have felt of Mozart, that God had given his gifts to people who made less good use of them than he would have done. When Buse played the right shot he scored a single; he played it again and was caught at the wicket. When Harold Gimblett played the wrong shot, it went for six. That must have been frustrating.

The press may have irritated him too. Never a "brilliant" innings; only once a spell of "unplayable" bowling; at best the cold porridge of respect for his usefulness, for his regularity. Of course there was never the least suggestion that he was a natural leader, or that he might — even if he had been an amateur, as Captains were in those days — be made Captain of Somerset.

Bertie Buse has been much in my thoughts in recent months. These cricketing metaphors can occupy the wicket of one's mind as all those years ago he used to occupy the wicket for Somerset. I will not say what public figure has made me think of him. It was probably as well that Somerset never made him Captain. Leadership needs the capacity to astonish.

Truth must be the norm

Robert Rhodes James on lying to the Commons

Neither experienced politicians nor historians will be greatly shocked by William Waldegrave's candour in informing a select committee that is not unknown for ministers to mislead the House of Commons and the press when it is deemed to be in the national interest. The most prominent cases since 1945 are Stafford Cripps's denials of devaluation up to the moment of announcing the decision (to the apoplectic fury of the French government) and the outright rejection by the Eden and Macmillan Governments of charges of collusion with Israel over Suez.

In the Suez case, Eden had personally assured Ben-Gurion that the secret would be kept, and he honoured his pledge, which Ben-Gurion never forgot. The Labour Opposition did not press the point vigorously, and the matter lapsed until Eden and his Foreign Secretary, Selwyn Lloyd — and Ben-Gurion — were dead, when the full story could be told. There were many who strongly suspected that ministers were, if not actually lying, not revealing the complete truth. But not only was there no conclusive proof, there was very little inclination to probe deep into a national humiliation.

It is part of political folklore that John Profumo's real offence was that he lied to the Commons about his relationship with Christine Keeler. In fact, what so shocked his colleagues was that he had lied to *them*, and compounded his crime by carrying out his threat to sue newspapers for libel — and winning. As we now know, and several people knew at the time, there were mitigating circumstances, but I do not forget the sense of personal betrayal that swept through ministerial ranks.

The odd feature of William Waldegrave's argument is his citing of the 1967 devaluation crisis. The fact is that Callaghan did not lie to the Commons but ought to have done. What happened was that he evaded a question from a Labour MP on the matter when he should have made a robust and untrue denial. It was the evasion that caused the panic, a run on the pound, a political disaster, and Callaghan's resignation as Chancellor. Iain Macleod was among those who were amazed by Callaghan's refusal "to do a Stafford Cripps". What was to Jim Callaghan's personal credit as a man of honour was very definitely not in the national interest.

But although our political history has many examples of ministerial concealment of truth, this is a dangerous area. It is remarkable how much Churchill told the Commons during the war, and Brendan Bracken's handling of the press was masterly. His approach as Minister of Information was blunt: "I cannot tell you the whole truth, but what I tell you will be true." The press was, of course, fully supportive of the war effort, but the bad news — or much of it — was not concealed. If there could be this degree of candour in wartime, why not now?

Realistically, as almost everyone recognises, government can never be fully open, particularly in diplomatic and defence matters. But there are perils even in implying that concealment of the truth from Parliament and the public is normal. It is not. It should be regarded as exceptional, and countenanced only in the national interest, not in a party political or personal interest.

Mr Waldegrave is half-right historically, but unwittingly he has pointed us down a road which no British government should lightly follow, for we know what the result will be. Restoring public confidence in our national institutions should be one of the Prime Minister's priorities.

Mr Waldegrave is personally a man of honour — and candour. He must now emphasise that the exception must never become the rule.

Czech Schin-dig

THE GOOD burghers of a little-known town in eastern Bohemia were celebrating heartily yesterday on the back of Steven Spielberg's haunting blockbuster *Schindler's List*. The film has put Svitavy, a tiny market town with 17,000 inhabitants, unexpectedly on the map — for it was Oskar Schindler's birthplace.

Yesterday the town's first memorial to its new hero was unveiled by Karol Sidon, chief rabbi to the Czech republic, in a modest ceremony followed by a special screening of the film for some 300 local dignitaries. Later the evening descended into something of a knees-up, as the excellent Czech beer began to flow.

Most of the jolly-makers confessed they'd never heard of Schindler before the film and its associated publicity. Nevertheless, they are obviously imbued with the same entrepreneurial spirit as the region's now famous son, for bar-talk focussed on the prospect of holiday tours taking in Schindler's haunts in the town where he lived for 30 years before moving to Poland. "There may be some commercial offshoots from this," admitted the town's mayor, Jiří Br dl. "But this was not the main goal of the exercise."

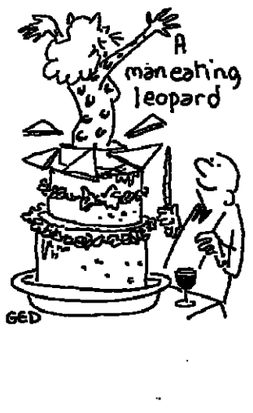
Les Rosbifs

AN ORGY of meat-eating took place last night at the Butcher's Hall in London, where the Carnivores Club unashamedly celebrated the beauty of beef with a dinner for nearly 200. Offal and Aberdeen Angus were consumed with abandon at the gathering, attended by such culinary masters as Robert Carrier.

But claret quickly turned the talk to the growing threat of the vegetarian movement and German disdain for British beef. "It is spectacularly politically incorrect," says Conal Walsh, who helped organise the bash. "But the way the media treat food you would think that no one liked red meat any more — which clearly isn't true." Diners were entertained by two naked dancers as they ploughed through their barons of beef. "One male and one female, body-painted as a zebra and a leopard," explained Walsh, curiously. Then as coffee was served, a cabaret act produced a breezy rendition of "Stand by Your Ham". Just don't mention the Germans.

Des. desk

AN unseemly bout of office politics is afflicting Whitehall, as a handful of Sir Humphreys scrap over the best desk in the Home Office, soon to be vacated by Sir Clive Whitmore. Favourite for the post of permanent secretary, following Whitmore's premature de-



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parture for the private sector, is John Chilcott, who occupies the same post in the Northern Ireland department. But some officials whisper that Chilcott's job brought him into contact with the IRA, rendering him unsuitable for the Home Office.

Others being mooted include Ian Burns, head of the police department, who has also done a stint in the NI department; and Hayden Phillips, the Heritage department's permanent secretary, and a former Home Office man. The key criterion for the delicate post is, apparently, an ability to cope with Michael Howard.

Epic dispute

AT the W.H.Smith literary award lunch yesterday, Vikram Seth had still not forgiven Lord Gowrie for snubbing his novel. He could not resist a few digs. Warm letters of support for *A Suitable Boy* "comforted me when I was quite dispirited last September", he remarked. "With the exception of someone who is not here, the book was received with enormous generosity."

The "someone" was Gowrie, who magnanimously insists he admires the Calcutta-born writer — and bought his first book of poems when few had heard of him. "I've read the novel twice and I'm glad he won this prize," he says. "But I stick to what I felt — that it needs editing."

● *HARTLEY BOOTH is not the only Tory MP given to expressing himself in verse. A poem penned by Blackpool's Harold Elletson has been intercepted. Elletson's ode was addressed to his whip, Timothy Kirkhope, rather than to a young lady. No sleazy conclusions, please, for it merely reflects the frustration of Conservative MPs trapped with no relief in the Scottish Local Government Bill committee (80 hours so far). Irked at Kirkhope, Elletson wrote:*

Dear Mr Whip, you are losing
your grip
Six MPs were missing while
you were out . . .
So maintain some decorum
Or you will lose a quorum.

In to bat

IT MAY not be quite enough to bring round English cricket, but Major Ronald Ferguson is at least trying to do his bit. The galloping major has just applied to Basingstoke council to convert a sizable barn and surrounding buildings at his home, Dummer Down Farm, into an indoor cricket school.

The gesture is not altogether philanthropic, however: "I hope to make money," he admits. "I am very hopeful it will be given planning permission. There is a desperate need in this area for indoor cricket facilities."





A case of the true blues

Kenneth Baker's political star may be waning, but his career as a journalist is clearly on the up-and-up. On Tuesday night, the former Home Secretary was getting on down to such raunchy blues numbers as *Going to Chicago* in his newfound capacity as entertainment critic for a mass-market tabloid newspaper.

The event was an evening of jazz by the legendary singer Annie Ross, at London's Café Royal. "I was meant to cover Frankie Vaughan last month, but I couldn't make it," he explained cheerily. "So I've come to this one instead."

Clearly moved by the smoky atmosphere Baker (*right*) pronounced the startlingly red-headed Ross (*left*), who performs in Robert Altman's latest film *Short Cuts*, a star. Which probably cut little ice with his wife Mary, who seemed to be in distinct danger of nodding off during the quieter numbers.

SENSE NOT SOUL

Why make it easier for Brussels to make law?

Jacques Delors, President of the European Commission, called yesterday for European integration to have more "soul". More sense would be more useful. The latest row over how power should be distributed within an enlarged European Community has as its subtext the argument over how far Europe should advance towards union and away from national sovereignty. On this issue, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, is sensibly digging in his heels.

The two disagreements that are holding up the entry terms for Sweden, Finland, Austria and Norway into the EC relate to Spanish fishing rights in Norwegian waters and voting rights in the Council of Ministers. Setting aside all the cod, Britain's interests lie in retaining the current rules for qualified majority voting on issues such as the environment and health and safety. These give the big countries — Germany, Britain, France and Italy — ten votes each, and the smaller ones fewer, down to Luxembourg's two. A minimum of 23 votes has to be amassed for a proposal to be blocked; which means that an alliance of two big countries and one smaller one is usually enough. The idea is that, on enlargement, that figure should rise to 27.

Britain argues that the current system already discriminates against bigger countries and gives smaller countries a say quite disproportionate to their population. So, for instance, Luxembourg has 20 per cent of the votes of Germany, but a population just 0.006 per cent of Germany's. The four countries hoping to join the EC all have small populations too. So the distortion will become even worse. If all the small countries ganged up together, they could pass a measure that was opposed by over 40 per cent of the EC's population. That is why Mr Hurd wants the minimum figure of 23 to remain in a larger Community, thus redressing the balance a little.

Germany and France are furious about what they see as Britain's recalcitrance; though here, for once, Britain is joined by Spain and Italy. The French European Affairs Minister, Alain Lamassoure, said yesterday that Britain saw enlargement as "a tool to complicate or even paralyse the European Union". There is a measure of truth in that. Now that the single market has been completed, there is less need to push measures through in haste, or indeed to push measures through at all. As Mr Hurd wisely pointed out on Monday, the EC's task now is to make Maastricht work. Only those who want the EC to scurry pell-mell towards unity need worry about members using a blocking veto when their national sovereignty is imperilled.

Already Britain is being threatened with directives that it has not been able to block. The 48-hour working week was pushed through as a health-and-safety measure under majority voting, and Britain is now having to challenge it in the European Court. Yesterday, the European Parliament tried to withdraw Britain's opt-outs from a directive on young workers that would prevent teenagers combining a paper round with a Saturday job. Unless this country can persuade all other member states to back it in the Council of Ministers, at least one of Britain's opt-outs will be lost. The Government's boasts about the victories it secured at Maastricht are looking thinner than ever.

So this is a question of substance, not merely an electioneering stand. Britain is unlikely to give ground; and the cost to France and Germany of conceding would not be exorbitant. Everyone agrees that the system of voting will have to be reconsidered in the intergovernmental conference of 1996, not least because Germany's population has increased so much. It is not too much to ask that Britain's neighbours allow the present size of the veto to stand until then.

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Whitehall calls in French expertise

Only a few years ago, the idea of a French bureaucrat being called upon to assess the performance of the British Civil Service would have appalled Whitehall's discreet mandarinate. Since the Northcote-Trevelyan report of 1853, British officials have prided themselves on the distinction between their own measured style of bureaucracy and the more grandiose continental approach. Yet this traditional gulf has now been crossed with dramatic success by a young French civil servant, Sylvie Trosa, whose new report on public sector reform is to form the basis of a plan for Whitehall action.

Her study is important for reasons particular and general. Seconded to the Cabinet Office from the Conseil Scientifique de l'Evaluation, Ms Trosa was asked to judge the progress of the Next Steps programme which has already resulted in the creation of more than a hundred semi-independent agencies. In the last six years, government functions ranging from vehicle licensing to the payment of benefits have been given chief executives, performance targets and greater control over staffing. By the middle of next year, 75 per cent of the Civil Service will be run on these lines. Ms Trosa's study could scarcely be more timely.

The Next Steps reform, she concludes, has given government divisions valuable independence, made them more responsive to their consumers, improved their efficiency and made them directly accountable to ministers. But the gains have not been unalloyed. Relations between central departments and agencies have often been marred by frictions and misunderstanding. The precise division of labour between centre and agencies remains confused.

As Ms Trosa points out, Next Steps agencies occupy a new and anomalous constitutional position as "semi-autonomous bodies within a department". The correct balance still needs to be struck between creative diversity and centrally-dictated standard practice. The detail of her proposals is perhaps a little too dirigiste for British tastes. But she is right to call for better liaison between departments and agencies, to be managed by the so-called "Fraser figures" established after the 1991 Fraser report. Agencies also need more sophisticated targets which can be used to diagnose problems as well as to criticise failure. The unhappy history of the Child Support Agency has shown the inadequacy of narrowly financial performance goals.

In a broader sense, the Trosa report typifies the new dialogue between nations about best practice in the public sector. In the past, the Parisian *grand corps* and Whitehall have had little in common. The founding father of the postwar French civil service, Michel Debré, urged officials to "taste the grandeurs of the profession" in a way that would still be unthinkable in this country. Yet, if the respective cultures of Whitehall and the French administration remain radically different, the methods which they use to govern are converging to an unexpected extent.

Around the world, there is a growing consensus — described by some as a "new paradigm" — in favour of decentralisation, pluralistic provision of services and the use of business methods in the public sector. Just as Britain has Next Steps, market testing and the citizen's charter, so France has the *projet de service* and America the national performance review. The exchange of ideas between governments on this subject is now continuous — a process in which Britain is an undoubted market leader, advising more often than it is advised. As a symbol of this new openness, the Trosa report should be welcomed wholeheartedly.

RIPE FOR ABOLITION

Britain must discard its blasphemy laws



Saint Teresa of Avila, a 16th century mystic, is at the centre of Britain's latest blasphemy case. The British Board of Film Censors in 1989 denied a certificate to a short video film based on her life on the grounds that it was blasphemous. The makers of the film argued this decision violated the European Convention on Human Rights, and the European Commission on Human Rights has just ruled that the Government has a case to answer. This is all unnecessary. Swift action should be taken to abolish the country's anachronistic blasphemy laws before the case reaches court.

The law on blasphemy is made by judges. Long thought to have fallen into desuetude, it was resurrected in the notorious *Gay News* case in 1978. It is an offence at common law to outrage the feelings of a Christian — and noone else — by abusing Christ or denying or attacking the Christian religion. Historically, it has been justified on the grounds that it protected the Church and State, maintained the fabric of society and preserved the consensus of the community. But these justifications are now open to challenge, both because of the religiously diverse nature of Britain's population and its increasingly secular society.

As the furore over *The Satanic Verses* demonstrated, the blasphemy law protects only the Christian faith. This is discriminatory, and needlessly provided ammunition to those enemies of free speech who wished to have that book banned. The protection of the law must either be extended to all faiths, or abolished altogether. The first option is unworkable and undesirable: it would be a monumental task to define "religion" and the extension would be a serious encroachment on free speech. The answer, as the Law Commission recommended in 1981, is to abolish altogether the common law offence of blasphemy.

The offence is, in any case, redundant: the Obscene Publications Act 1959 and the Public Order Act 1986 would appear to deal adequately with the ground that the blasphemy law purports to cover. And those statutes would work in a way that is altogether more satisfactory. The offence of blasphemy, as defined by the law lords in the *Gay News* case, comes uncomfortably close to being one of "strict liability": the accused need neither be found to have the intention to attack Christianity, nor to have intended to provoke a breach of the peace. It is sufficient only that he intended to publish. Effectively, it is blasphemous libel to publish words or images attacking or ridiculing the Christian religion which might possibly make believers angry: the calculation or *mens rea* of the publisher is of no import. This law has no place in modern Britain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Is it ever acceptable for ministers to lie to Parliament?

From Mr Mike Thomas

Sir, It is self-evident that to lie in the national interest may sometimes be justified (reports and leading article, March 9). To have developed a political culture in which "economy with the truth" has become the norm is not.

What have we come to when politicians (and civil servants) take as their touchstone the capacity to construct verbal formulations whose crucial characteristic is that they can be plausibly claimed to have been neither misleading nor untruthful, if challenged in the future?

What happened to virtue of policy and competence in administration as desirable qualities, let alone regard for the whole truth and whether innocent persons go to prison?

Yours faithfully,
MIKE THOMAS (MP, Newcastle upon Tyne East, 1974-83, Labour, then SDP),
Forty Eight, Roundway,
Nr Devizes, Wiltshire.
March 9.

From the Coordinator of Charter 88

Sir, That ministers are "economical with the *actualité*" in their dealings with the House of Commons should come as no surprise. Mr Waldegrave has simply confirmed what MPs already know and many of the rest of us have suspected for some time.

That the "open government" minister's remarks are viewed and reported as a gaffe which is likely to seal his fate is no more than the latest symptom of the sickness at the heart of our system of government.

On February 28, Charter 88 wrote to the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee, which is examining the role of the Civil Service. In the introduction, we said:

Behind veils of secrecy the old traditions help to perpetuate an antiquated and undemocratic system based on Crown prerogative, Orders in Council and discretionary power, which has no parallel in the Western world.

We concluded that there should be a redefinition, by statute and ultimately within a written constitution, of the role of the State, the relationships of civil servants with ministers, Parliament and public, and the core values underpinning the public service — and that ministers and public servants should ultimately be responsible to the public, and not to each other.

Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY BARNETT,
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March 9.

From Sir Samuel Goldman

Sir, Ministers should *never* lie to Parliament. Nor should they play poker with it, because sooner or later their bluff will be called. Nor should they tell half-truths, intended not to mislead, because one day the whole truth will embarrassingly emerge.

All the same, there is a very limited class of question, mostly to do with market-sensitive issues such as devaluations or changes in interest rates, which should not be asked at all, or, if asked, should be met by the formula: "As is well known, we do not answer questions on these matters."

This is an entirely reasonable response which, once generally accepted, should not be misinterpreted, and in particular should not be taken to be an admission of the charge or implication which often lies behind the question.

Yours faithfully,
S. GOLDMAN,
3 Little Tangley,
Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey.
March 9.

From Ms Caroline Clayden

Sir, No doubt William Waldegrave's head will roll as a result of his candour. But how refreshing it is to know that he is just too nice to be a minister.

As a member of the public it is good to know that, however rarely, an honest man can get that far in politics.

Yours faithfully,
CAROLINE CLAYDEN,
The Old School, Holcombe, Somerset.
March 9.

From Mr R. S. Lane Fox

Sir, We live in a perverse age. The first time in living memory that a politician gives a straight answer to a straight question, other politicians and the press clamour for him to resign.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD LANE FOX,
17 Princedale Road, W11.
March 9.

From Mr P. E. Roe

Sir, Epimenides, the Cretan, in the sixth century BC seems to have made his own position and that of everyone else impossible by suggesting that all Cretans are liars.

If there is a time for lying then one such time is when asked whether there is a time for lying.

Yours etc,
PHILIP ROE,
157 Verulam Road,
St Albans, Hertfordshire.
March 9.

From Mr P. John Pope

Sir, William Waldegrave is quite correct in his opinion that there are topics on which a minister is best advised not to tell the whole truth. His error was in not realising that he was commenting on one of them.

Sincerely,
P. JOHN POPE,
Eggardon, Oval Way,
Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire.
March 9.

From Professor P. D. J. Weitzman

Sir, Following your editorial today on the importance of honesty in ministerial pronouncements in Parliament, younger readers (and those with fading memories) may like to be reminded of the 1963 limerick occasioned by the Christine Keeler-John Profumo scandal:

"What on earth have you done?" said Christine.
"You have ruined the party machine.
To lie in the nude is not at all rude,
But to lie in the House is obscene."

Ministers, too, may care to take note.

Yours sincerely,
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March 9.

From Mr M. Davidson-Houston

Sir, How do we know a minister is telling the truth about lying to Parliament?

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DAVIDSON-HOUSTON,
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Nr Fakenham, North Norfolk.
March 9.

Scott witnesses forget the victims

From Mr J. Donald Forbes

Sir, Lord Howe complains ("Scott's salami tactics", March 1) that Lord Justice Scott is combining the roles of "detective, inquisitor, advocate and judge", thereby compromising the impartiality of the enquiry and the justice for those "individuals concerned". He gives no indication that he regards the three innocent directors of Matrix Churchill who were arrested and charged as being among those "individuals concerned".

The only fears he expresses are for the "reputations" of civil servants who claim they have been humiliated by having their practices exposed for public scrutiny. Yet, so far as I am aware, not one of these men in their evidence expressed any anxiety that they were part of a system which would have sent innocent and patriotic men to prison. Not one of them has given any indication of regret that there has been gross injustice and ruination without any prospect of compensation. There have been no signs of struggles with consciences, no resignations, no shame, no recognition that changes must be made to prevent a re-occurrence.

Lord Howe's pleas and the civil servants' submissions are confined to preserving the self-interests of the latter and the continuity of a furtive system on which their self-esteem relies.

Yours sincerely,
J. DONALD FORBES,
Burnside of Rothiebrisbane,
Fyvie, Turriff, Aberdeenshire.
March 4.

From Mr Ganesh Lall

Sir, Whilst courts have an inherent power to question the finality of a minister's public interest immunity certificate (letters, February 24, 28, March 3, 5), the occasions on which they will exercise that power will vary according to the nature of the feared injury to the public interest.

In the leading case of *Conway v Rimmer* (1968) Lord Reid said: "... cases would be very rare in which it could be proper to question the view of the responsible minister that it would be contrary to the public interest to make public the contents of a particular document."

In the recent case of *Balfour v Foreign and Commonwealth Office* (report, December 10, 1993; letter, March 5), where the Foreign Office claimed public interest immunity about the operation of the security and intelligence services, the Court of Appeal held that where an appropriate certificate, signed by the Secretary of State, claimed immunity from disclosure, the court should not exercise its right even to inspect that material to assist its decision.

I have the honour to be, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
GANESH LALL,
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Middle Temple, EC4.

Troops for Bosnia

From Rear Admiral J. P. W. Middleton

Sir, Her Majesty's Government has the opportunity to make a rare display of chutzpah and send, not the bruited battalion (report, March 9), but a full brigade to Bosnia.

Such an exercise in leadership by example, rather than by exhortation, will accord well with the concept of "punching above one's weight" and will give General Rose the support he deserves from his own country. It can only have the most beneficial effect on the situation in Bosnia. It might even shame others into similar contributions.

Our armed forces are there to be used; if they are not, why have them? The Treasury might very well think that too, to our lasting detriment.

Troops, unlike nuclear weapons, should not remain in silos awaiting the ultimate challenge, but should be in the field, acquiring and demonstrating expertise. The Government has the chance to reinforce its stamp on international peace-keeping whilst improving the capability and morale of its own forces — a fortuitous combination which should not be discarded lightly.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK MIDDLETON,
Manora, Chilmark, Wiltshire.
March 9.

Tibet anniversary

From Mr William Healing

Sir, Thirty-five years ago, on March 10, Tibet rose up against Chinese troops in protest against the People's Liberation Army invasion of 1950: the invasion and annexation of one sovereign state by another. Eighty-seven thousand died in the crushing of this rebellion.

But Tibet has been ignored persistently by foreign governments, despite flagrant human rights abuses. These include an apartheid policy which favours Chinese settlers over the indigenous population in matters of housing and health.

This spring the Clinton Administration will review China's "most favoured nation" trading status. This must be made dependent upon improvements in China's lamentable human rights record — and that includes Tibet.

President Clinton should not be duped into a favourable review by any token gesture from China. Peking must earn its trade status, and the respect of its fellow states.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM HEALING,
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March 8.

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Caring, not abusing

From the Director of the NSPCC

Sir, Libby Purves ("The wrong sort of hugging", March 7) rightly points to an over-reaction by parents and others who care for children, generated by the publicity given to child abuse cases.

I am concerned that there is a threat to the progress we made in the 1960s and 1970s in recognising that children need closeness, comfort and often touching if they are to grow into reasonably well adjusted adults, who in turn are able to provide good parenting for their own children.

Many therapists will have experience of adults who, whilst being materially well cared for, were brought up in a cold, Anglo-Saxon ethos that caused them serious difficulties in their adult relationships.

I support Ms Purves's plea that adults and those who care for children should feel free to respond to a child's need for warmth and love. Those few who abuse this trust know they are doing so, and of course we as a society must protect children from their attentions. But, please, for the great majority of parents and carers, let us not lose the advances we have made in providing good care for our children.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER BROWN,
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March 7.

Gummer conversion

From Mrs Erik de Mauny

Sir, I write to express my sorrow at the intemperate language used by the Right Reverend David Lunn, Bishop of Sheffield, about Mr John Gummer on his conversion to the universal Catholic Church. The Bishop is reported to have accused Mr Gummer of joining "a faith that is certainly in error", and to have added: "I find it hard to forgive the ignorant silliness of a clever, well-educated man."

I owe my faith to the steadfastness of nine generations of my mother's recusant Catholic ancestors and am profoundly proud and aware of this inheritance. This does not lead me, in the 1990s, to rejoice in the present disarray of the Anglican Church: on the contrary, I rejoice in the growth of the ecumenical spirit which allows us to work and pray together, despite wide doctrinal and theological differences, in a manner impossible to us "left-footers" when I was young.

Rather than trading insults, which, by implication, reveal what seems to me a singular anti-Catholic bias, I feel that Bishop Lunn would do better to attempt to lessen the visible intellectual and spiritual agony of so many Anglican clergy and lay people grappling with a fundamental crisis of authority: they need compassion, not contumely.

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH de MAUNY,
19 Regent Street, Lancaster.

From Mr Richard Wilkins

Sir, I agree entirely with Libby Purves's outrage at the paranoid fanaticism of "correctness", which forbids teachers to offer gentle physical consolation to pupils. A culture that believes that every male move is the beginning of rape needs a very large psychiatrist's couch or, more probably, the Holy Spirit.

However, sensitivity on this topic is not entirely new. My training college course 29 years ago included a lecture by a visiting headmaster on how we should minimise reasons for parental complaint. One point was: "Never put your arm along the back of a schoolgirl's chair."

Yours faithfully,
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March 7.

From Mr Iain Stratton

Sir, How perceptive of Libby Purves's nine-year-old daughter to predict the possible future banning of exchanging a smile with a child.

A graffito on an empty fish shop window here in Lewes reads: "Save the children — shoot the social workers?"

Yours sincerely,
IAIN STRATTON,
19 Grantham Bank,
Barcombe Cross, Lewes, East Sussex.
March 8.

Election in Italy

From Signor Franco Carboni

Sir, I am aware that trying to understand the tangled web of Italian politics is a very difficult task for a foreigner, even as it can be for an Italian (leading article, "The road to Rome", February 28). But to portray Achille Occhetto as a social democrat, who will continue the policies of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi, the caretaker Prime Minister, in "cutting the budget deficit and reforming public administration" and to propose as the best solution for a stable government one "with the body of Occhetto and the head of Ciampi" is perhaps a little extreme.

For a large number of Italians and for many foreigners Signor Occhetto was and remains a Communist, who still believes in the basic principles of Marxism. His recent "conversion" to the principles of a free market, privatisation, the curbing of public expenditure, as well as his acceptance of Nato after years of opposition, are all too suspect.

I hope that the liberal democrats scattered amongst the three main electoral groups will overcome minor differences and agree on a concrete programme for restructuring the state finances, reshaping the public services and implementing true social justice.

Yours faithfully,
F. CARBONI,
18 Fawcett Street, SW10.
March 1.

Invasion of Kuwait

From Mr Bryan Easey

Sir, Mr Jon Kimche (letter, February 28) is mistaken in his belief that ministers might have known of Iraqi troop movements against Kuwait on July 19, 1990. The first tentative sightings were obtained by the staff of our defence attaché in Baghdad on July 20 and confirmed by them on July 22. Initial briefings in London were therefore made by the Defence Intelligence Staff, with whom I was then working, only on the morning of Monday, July 23.

This information was shared with our American colleagues and while I understood that they were able to follow the subsequent build-up by satellite reconnaissance, at no time was I ever made aware that they had any earlier evidence from that source.

The numbers of troops involved quoted by Mr Kimche certainly relate to intelligence received from all sources in the week beginning July 23, not the previous week.

Yours faithfully,
B. A. EASEY,
39 Kidbrooke Park Road, SE3.

Fish famine

From Mrs Anne Hichens

Sir, Your report (March 1) tells us the stocks of fish in the North Sea are almost depleted and are likely never to recover. Fishermen throw away huge, dead, catches. The Danes take thousands of tons of sand eels for animal feed and margarine. Thousands of sea birds die. Please, what have we got a Department of the Environment for?

Yours,
ANNE HICHENS,
Radcot Bridge Farm,
Bampton, Oxfordshire.

Beware of the mite

From Mrs Christine White

Sir, Having read about the interesting, if alarming, link between asthma and house dust mites in the home (report, March 4), I cut out the photo of the dust mite and, with a guard dog-style motto "I live here" underneath, stuck it on my teenage daughter's bedroom door. I hopefully await results.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINE WHITE,
139a High Street North, Stewkley,
Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 9: The Prince of Wales this afternoon opened the new Magnetic Resonance Imaging Unit at the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, Hampshire.

Major Patrick Tabor was in attendance.

His Royal Highness later visited the Royal Hospital and Home, Putney, London SW15.

Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Canadian Dragoons, subsequently received Major General Clive Milner upon assuming the appointment of Colonel of the Regiment at St James's Palace.

His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception to mark the Eight Hundredth Anniversary of the Service of Coroners to the Crown at St James's Palace.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
March 9: The Duke of Kent, Field Marshal, this afternoon arrived at RAF Northolt from Germany.

Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Prince Edward celebrates his birthday today.

Sir Lawrence Airey, former chairman, Board of Inland Revenue, 68; Sir Robert Bellinger, former president, National Savings Committee, 84; Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian Burnett, 81; Mr Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, 47; Mr Fou Ts'ong, concert pianist, 60; Sir Angus Fraser, former chairman, Board of Customs and Excise, 66; Dame Margaret Fry, former chairman, National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, 63; Rear-Admiral Sir John Garnier, 60; Sir Samuel Goldman, civil servant, 82.

Sir Charles Hardie, chartered accountant, 84; Mr Warren Hawksley, MP, 51; Mr Hugh Johnson, wine expert, 55; General Sir John Learmont, 60; Mr Tony Leonard, chief constable, Humberside, 55; Mr Michael Montague, former chairman, English Tourist Board, 62; Mr Graeme Odgers, chairman, Monopolies and Mergers Commission, 60; Sir Michael Straker, chairman, Northumbrian Water, 66; Mr Peter Wormald, Registrar General for England and Wales, 58.

School news

Cranleigh School

Scholarships for 1994 have been awarded to the following:

Sixth Form Academic: Chia Yun Boon, St Nicholas Girls' School, Singapore; Francesca A. Stevens, Woldingham School; Chloe V.C. Thompson, Talbot Heath School, Bournemouth; Samantha E. Tite, Notting Hill & Ealing High School; Caroline J. Winckles, Woldingham School.

Fourth Form Academic: T.D. Vaughan, Cranleigh Preparatory School; F.J.R. Handcock, Hall Grove; O.E. Dabbous, Cranleigh Preparatory School; T.C. Howard, Cranleigh Preparatory School; C.D.B. Skynne, Danes Hill; D.E. Parry, Kingswood House; M.C. Carter-Cloud, Downside; I.M. Watson, Danes Hill; W.E. Chadwick, Aldro; G.J. Ford, Cranleigh Preparatory School; G.C. Secrett, Aldro.

Fourth Form Music: P.S. Williams, Lanesborough.

Fourth Form Art: C-K. Cheng, St Aubyns.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales will visit the National Criminal Intelligence Service at Spring Gardens, Tinworth Street, SE11, at 3.00; and will attend a 50th birthday concert for Dame Kiri Te Kanawa at the Albert Hall at 7.20.

The Duke of Kent, patron, will visit the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Museum, Church Road, Wimbledon, at 3.00.

Princess Alexandra, as patron, will open the new extensions to the Central School of Speech and Drama at the Embassy Theatre, NW3, at 2.30.

Royal Caledonian Ball

The Royal Caledonian Ball will be held on Thursday, May 5, at Grosvenor House, Park Lane, London, W1. Ball tickets are available at £53.00 each to include wine, whisky, fruit juice and cooked breakfast. Dinner tickets are available at £25.00 each for 3-course dinner with a ½ bottle of wine. Please apply to The Secretary, Mrs R.H. Tym, The Old Manse, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 6LE. Tel/Fax 0264 810363.

Memorial service

Mr O.S. Tubbs

A memorial service for Mr Oswald Sydney Tubbs was held yesterday at the Church of St Bartholomew-the-Less, St Bartholomew's Hospital. The Rev Michael Whawell, Vicar and Hospitaller, officiated.

Mr Nigel Tubbs, son, read the lesson and Mrs Imogen Mitchell, daughter, read Thomas Hardy's *Afterwards*. Mr Matthias Paneth gave an address.

Reception

Prime Minister

The Prime Minister was host last night at a reception held at 10 Downing Street in honour of the Community Development Foundation to mark "Streets Ahead".

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Marcello Malpighi, physiologist, Crevalcore, Italy, 1628; John Benbow, admiral, Shrewsbury, 1653; John Playfair, geologist and philosopher, Benvie, Tayside, 1748; Friedrich von Schlegel, philosopher and historian, Hanover, 1772; William Etty, painter, York, 1787; Leonard Raven-Hill, artist and cartoonist, Bath, 1867; Tamara Karsavina, prima ballerina, Leningrad, 1885; Arthur Honegger, composer, Le Havre, 1892.

DEATHS: John Stuart Bute, 3rd Earl of Bute, Prime Minister 1762-63, London, 1792; Muzio Clementi, pianist and composer, Evesham, 1832; Taras Shevchenko, poet, Ukraine, 1861; Giuseppe Mazzini, Italian patriot, Pisa, 1872; Sir Charles Thomson, naturalist, Bonsyde, Lothian, 1882; Charles Frederick Worth, fashion designer, Paris, 1895; David Beatty, 1st Earl Beatty, admiral of the fleet, London, 1936; Mikhail Bulgakov, dramatist and novelist, Moscow, 1940; Laurence Binyon, poet, Reading, 1943; Jan Mazaryk, statesman, Prague, 1948; Frank O'Connor, short story writer, Dublin, 1966; Konstantin Chernenko, General Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party 1984-85, Moscow, 1985.

The Prince of Wales (King Edward VII) married Princess Alexandra of Denmark, 1863.

The Bakerloo line opened on the London Underground, 1906.

Velasquez's *Rokeby Venus* in the National Gallery was damaged during suffragette demonstrations in London, 1914.

A Japanese soldier who believed the World War II was still being fought, was found in hiding on Lubang Island in the Philippines, and was waiting to be relieved by his own forces, 1974.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.C. Bygrave and Miss V.C.E. Cooney
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr W.L.R. Bygrave and Mrs P.J. Bygrave, MBE, of Lima, Peru, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M.C.S. Cooney, of Chobham, Surrey.

Dr D.C. Howlett and Miss K.L. Greenwood
The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Dr and Mrs Kenneth Howlett, of Epsom, Surrey, and Kimberley, only daughter of Mr Brian Greenwood, of Rayleigh, Essex, and Mrs Joyce Greenwood, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr P. Jenkins and The Hon Maria Warnock
The marriage will take place on March 25 between Mr Paul Jenkins and the Hon Maria Warnock, youngest daughter of Sir Geoffrey and Baroness Warnock, of Axford, Wiltshire.

Mr C.M. Neil and Miss J.J. Fletcher-Watson
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs Michael Neil, of Drayton, Oxfordshire, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs James Fletcher-Watson, of Windrush, Gloucestershire.

Mr D.W.F. Schaebbicke and Miss A.J. Gow
The engagement is announced between Peter, only son of Mr and Mrs Roger Schaebbicke, of London, and Amelia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Gow, of Drummonie, Perthshire.

Marriage

Mr W.J.G. Daniel and Miss N.A. Djalil
The marriage took place in Tokyo on January 31 of William Daniel, son of Mr Peter Daniel, Foulden, Berwick-on-Tweed, and Mrs Michael Oliver, Barley Mill House, Pencaitland, East Lothian, and Adilla Djalil, youngest daughter of the late Juliar Djalil and of Mrs Roos Suyono, Jakarta, Indonesia.

A reception was held at the home of Mr Sjahrial Djalil in Jakarta on February 10.

Luncheons

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
Mr Colin Shepherd, MP, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the UK branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, and Mr George Foulkes, MP, joint honorary treasurer, were the hosts at a luncheon held yesterday in the House of Commons in honour of commonwealth parliamentarians attending the 1994 parliamentary seminar at Westminster.

Furniture Makers' Company
Mrs Elizabeth Peacock, MP, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Furniture Makers' Company held yesterday at Painters' Hall and presented the Furniture Makers' Guild Mark to nine companies for items of production furniture of outstanding merit. Mr Brian Perring, Master, presided.

Service dinner

Cambridge University Air Squadron
Squadron Leader G. Doyle, Commander of Cambridge University Air Squadron, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Selwyn College, Cambridge. The principal guests were Air Chief Marshal Sir Sandy Wilson, Air Member for Personnel, Air Vice-Marshal David Cousins, Air Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, Professor Derek C. Burke, Vice-Chancellor of the University of East Anglia, and Sir Roger Tomkys, Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge, and Chairman of the Military Education Committee.

Middle Temple

Shri Narasimha Rao, Prime Minister of India, has been elected an Honorary Master of the Bench of the Middle Temple.

JAMES MORGAN



Vikram Seth with *A Suitable Boy*, for which he received the W.H. Smith Literary Award and a prize of £10,000 at Goldsmiths' Hall, City of London, yesterday. The book is a lengthy novel set in the imaginary Indian city of Brahmpur

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Dr Peter Stell, Chaplain, HM Prison, Liverpool (Liverpool): to be Chaplain, Wayland Prison (Norwich).

The Rev Oswald Trellis, Vicar, Heybridge w Langford (Chelmsford): to be Dean of Georgetown, Guyana, South America.

The Rev Nick Williams, Rector, All Saints, Lench w St Peter's, Rous Lench and St Peter's Abbots, Morton (Worcester): to be Vicar, St Peter and St Jude, Milton (Bath and Wells).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Richard Arrandale, Curate, East Grinstead, St Swithun (Chichester): now resigned.

The Rev Fred Butler, Rector, Etchingham and Vicar, Hurst Green (Chichester): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Paddy Buxton, Team Rector, Rye and Chaplain, Rye Hill House and Rye Memorial Hospital (Chichester): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Edward Clechanowicz, Vicar, Wisborough Green (Chichester): now resigned.

The Rev Dr Michael Delany, Rector, Copythorne and Minstead (Winchester): to resign as from April 8.

The Rev Martyn Douglas, Team Vicar, Basingstoke, Christ the King (Winchester): to resign at the end of May (to take up an appointment in the USA).

The Rev Derek Evans, Rector, Street w Walton (Bath and Wells): to retire as from July 31.

The Rev Ian Froom, Team Vicar, St Saviour and All Saints, Weston-super-Mare Central Parishes Team Ministry (Bath and Wells): to resign as from July 31.

The Rev Canon Stanley Hind, Vicar, Womersley and Kirk Smeaton (Wakefield): to retire as from May 31.

The Rev James Holdroyd, Vicar, Brighton St Bartholomew (Chichester): resigned as from Feb 28.

The Rev Christopher Hudson, Rector, Huntspill and East Huntspill (Bath and Wells): to resign as from May 14.

The Rev Roger Jupp, Vicar, St John, Burgess Hill (Chichester): now resigned.

The Rev Michael Lewis, Vicar, Holy Trinity, Taunton (Bath and Wells): to resign as from April 30.

The Rev David Mumford, Vicar, Bodiam and Rector, Ewhurst (Chichester): to retire as from August 20.

The Rev Canon Stuart Pearson: to retire as Rural Dean of Chevet as from March 31, and to retire as Vicar, Woolley w West Bretton (Wakefield) from May 14.

The Rev Charles Rolfe, Vicar, Christ Church, Frome (Bath and Wells): retired as from Feb 28.

The Rev Norman Smith, Vicar, Chidham (Chichester): to resign as from June 30.

The Rev Jim Stanley-Smith, Rector, Hale w South Charford (Winchester): to retire as from June 30.

The Rev Peter Ward, Rector, Hersmonceux and Wartling (Chichester): to retire as from April 30.

The Rev Canon Derek Whitehead, Director of Education and Priest-in-charge, Fletching (Chichester): to resign as Director of Education as from August 31, and continue as Priest-in-charge, Fletching.

Dinner

Holborn Law Society
The Lord Chancellor and Lady Mackay of Clashfern and the Master of the Rolls and Lady Bingham were among the principal guests at the annual dinner of the Holborn Law Society held last night at the New Connaught Rooms. Mr John Lewis, president, accompanied by Mrs Lewis, presided.

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Colin Somerville Barrett, of Shamley Green, Surrey ..£698,047.

Ella Carroll Beadon, of Barton on Sea, Hants.....£688,138.

Historic towns get aid worth £2m

BY JOHN YOUNG

A £2 MILLION pilot scheme to revitalise areas of neglect and decay in historic towns and cities was launched yesterday in Hove, East Sussex, by Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage.

Fourteen local authorities have agreed to match government funding from their own resources under new partnership arrangements. They include Liverpool, Newcastle upon Tyne, Lincoln, Bradford, Hastings and the London borough of Greenwich.

"The new partnerships will enable us to channel our funding more effectively into programmes of work which reflect the needs and priorities of each conservation area, and which provide measurable targets and timescale for achievement," Mr Stevens said. They would be run by those local authorities which had demonstrated a strong commitment to conservation, and would progressively replace present grant schemes over the next three years.

Hove, an adjunct of Brighton with a wealth of spectacular Regency and Victorian squares, crescents and terraces, is to receive the first grant of £200,000, with a matching sum from the borough council. Many of its buildings are showing obvious signs of neglect, with crumbling, peeling facades, and are suffering from years of poor maintenance under multi-occupation.

Peter Martin, Mayor of Hove, said the scheme recognised the council's efforts to promote economic development through conservation and environmental projects. "If we want to be successful and attract or retain investment, we have to maintain the quality of our surroundings."

Under the scheme grants will be made to owners of historic properties to carry out repairs and improvements approved by the council, which will be allowed to make its own judgment on how the money should be spent.

The 1994-95 grants have been allocated to:

Liverpool City Council	£372,000
Newcastle City Council	£325,000
Hove Borough Council	£200,000
Hastings Borough Council	£200,000
London Borough of Greenwich	£180,000
Lincoln City Council	£150,000
Bradford City Council	£130,000
Haltwhistle, Tynedale District Council	£100,000
Wainfleet, East Lindsey District Council	£76,000
Bacup & Rawtenstall, Rossendale Borough Council	£75,000
Wootton Bassett, North Wilts District Council	£60,000
Knaresborough, Harrogate District Council	£57,600
Leamington Spa, Warwick District Council	£45,000
Scarborough District Council	£35,500

University news

Reading
Recent research grants and contracts include:

From the research councils

Dr G C Craig (Meteorology), £98,772 from the NERC - radiative-convective equilibrium in the tropical atmosphere; Prof A J Thorpe (Meteorology), £80,433 from the NERC - FRONTS 96; Dr H B Awbi (Construction Management & Engineering), £118,811 from the Science and Engineering Research Council - investigation into heat transfer mechanisms in enclosures; Dr S J Mithen (Archaeology), £116,776 from the SERC - integrating simulation modelling and GIS analysis in archaeology with an application to mesolithic Scotland; Prof K Warwick, Dr C Kambhampati and Dr R J Mitchell (Cybernetics), £117,776 from the SERC - learning systems for power transmission networks; Prof K Warwick and Dr C Kambhampati (Cybernetics), £152,443 from the SERC - flexible distributed control manufacturing systems using local operating networks; Prof A G Atkins (Engineering), £126,508 from the SERC - the tearing of ships' plating upon grounding; Prof P J Parsons (Chemistry), £84,328 from the SERC - a total synthesis of batrachotoxin; Prof K Warwick (Cybernetics), £53,141 from the SERC - multivariable cluster analysis for high speed machinery; Prof K Warwick (Cybernetics), Mr J R Bayes and Dr J B Grimbleby (Engineering), £68,596 from the SERC - Teaching Company Scheme; Prof K Warwick and Dr C Kambhampati (Cybernetics), £163,042 from the SERC/Predictive Control Ltd - Teaching Company Scheme; Prof D J Croome (Construction Management & Engineering), £57,086 from the SERC/Dytechna - Teaching Company Scheme; Prof K Warwick (Cybernetics), Dr J B Grimbleby and Mr J R Bayes (Engineering), £68,595 from the SERC/Oxim - Teaching Company Scheme; Dr J M Ames (Food Science and Technology), £172,084 from the Agricultural and Food Research Council - an innovative approach towards an improved understanding of the chemistry underlying colour development in heated foods; Dr J R Barnett (School of Plant Sciences), £116,326 from the AFRC - Cambial development and differentiation.

From other bodies

Dr D S Leake (Biochemistry & Physiology), £32,969 from the British Heart Foundation - the oxidation of low density lipoprotein by macrophages and its inhibition by antioxidants, high density lipoproteins and metal ions; Prof D J Croome (Construction Management & Engineering), £45,000 from the Building Research Establishment - reducing CO^2 emissions from non-domestic buildings; Dr R H Phipps and Professor D E Beever (Agriculture), £226,500 from Elanco Animal Science Research - trials of a feed additive; Prof P D S Caligari (Agricultural Botany), £206,585 from the EC - adaption of *lupinus mutabilis* to European soil and climate conditions; Dr M J Hudson (Chemistry), £79,134 from the EC - research training fellowship; Mr G Dugdale (Meteorology), £91,656 from the EC - desertification processes in the Mediterranean area and their interlinks with the global climate; Dr J I L Morison (Meteorology), Dr P Hadley (Horticulture and Landscape) and Dr R H Ellis (Agriculture), £123,862 from the EC - climatic change and agriculture: assessment of impacts and adaption; Dr S Belcher (Meteorology), £57,750 from the EC - investigations of the coupling fluxes at the air-ocean interface; Prof J W Almond (Microbiology), £163,800 from the EC - vaccine development; Prof J Mann (Chemistry), £50,377 from the Wellcome Trust - Wellcome Prize Studentship; Dr M L Deadman and Dr E Owen (Agriculture), £23,012 from the World Bank - subsistence farmer agricultural research in Ethiopia; Prof M Upton (Agricultural Economics and Management), £48,900 from the European Community - planning and appraising agricultural development programmes and projects; Prof W B Traill (Agricultural Economic and Management and Food Science and Technology), £307,230 from the EC - structural change in the European food industries; Prof K Warwick (Cybernetics), £285,863 from the EC - access of disabled and elderly people to home systems technology; Dr G F Whitfield (Cybernetics), £124,800 from the EC - EUCLIDES programme; Prof A G Atkins (Engineering), £50,337 from the EC - steel, ductile fracture, crack growth resistance, mechanics of crack growth - effect of size and geometry, effect of plastic constraint; Prof A O'Neill (Meteorology), £38,885 from the EC - modelling and measurement studies of northern hemisphere ozone loss within the Sesame campaign; Dr N H Battey (Horticulture and Landscape), £67,745 from the Leverhulme Trust - the regulation of vesicle targeting and fusion during cell plate formation in plants; Prof J S Marsh (Centre for Agricultural Strategy), £182,534 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food - organic herbage legume intercropping; Mr G Dugdale (Meteorology), £15,000 from the Natural Resources Institute - identification and monitoring African weather regimes; Mr G Dugdale (Meteorology), £177,000 from the Natural Resources Institute - Africa regional project: environmental monitoring in Africa.

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There is no salvation through anyone else save Jesus; in all the world no other name has been granted to mankind by which we can be saved. Acts of the Apostles 4:12 (REB)

BIRTHS

DABSON – On March 9th 1994, to Lesley (née Vowles) and Tim, a son, Benjamin Rupert George, a brother for Oliver.

FLASHMAN – On 8th March 1994, to David and Judith, a daughter, Felicity Beatrice Clara.

KERR – On 8th March, to Jackie (née Ainsworth) and Iain, a son, Jack.

KLOOSTERMAN – On March 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Joyce (née Achterberg) and Henk Jaap, a son, Sander Leonardus.

McLEAN – On March 8th in the Philippines, to Divine de la Cruz and Johnny, a daughter, Charlotte.

MEADOWS – On February 22nd, to Kate (née Tucker) and Paul, a beautiful daughter, Sophie Charlotte.

PUGH – On March 2nd, to Patricia (née Hardy) and Christopher, a son, Mark Rennell. Thanks to the staff at the Whittington Hospital.

ROPER – On 8th March, to Helen (née Renson) and Tom, a daughter, Josephine Margaret, a sister for William.

ROWAN – On 28th February, to Mark and Katy (née Fraser), a second son, Alexander Charles Hugh.

RUDDY – On March 7th 1994, to Alison (née Cramond) and Desmond, a son, Jack William, a brother for Eleanor and Adelaide.

SOUSTER – On 13th February 1994, to Rosie (née Wildblood) and Mark, a daughter, Eleanor Louise, a sister for Isobel.

DEATHS

CORDER – On 8th March 1994, Colin Rowland, suddenly at home, beloved wife of Liz and father of Sally, Mike, Rob, Becky and Will. Funeral Service at St Giles Church, Codicote, on Wednesday 16th March at 11 am followed by interment. Family flowers only, donations may be sent for The Asthma Society c/o Geo. W. Blow & Sons, Church Street, Welwyn, Herts. tel: (0438) 714686.

du CROS – On March 6th peacefully at home in Parkham, N. Devon, Lady Rosemary aged 92 years. Beloved wife of the late Sir Philip du Cros. Private cremation. Memorial Service at Parkham Church on Monday March 14th at 2.30pm.

DURNFORD – On 6th March, peacefully, John Nigel aged 65 years. Dearly loved husband of Zoe and former Headmaster of St David's School, Elvaston Place. Fondly remembered by friends, family and former pupils. Funeral Service at The Church of St Michael and All Angels, Lyndhurst, Hants, on Monday 14th March at 1.30 pm. Flowers to J. Sturney, Lyndhurst. Donations may be sent to The British Heart Foundation.

FERENDUROS – Margarita, died at home on March 3rd, aged 22. Beloved daughter of Maltinew and Eli and dear sister to Michael and Eugenia. Funeral Service at The Holy Cross and St Michael's Church, Golders Green Road, NW11, on Friday 11th March, 12 noon (no flowers). Burial on Sunday 13th March, Andros, Greece.

DEATHS

FINLAY – Robert James Bell, O.B.E. Lt. Cmdr. Royal Navy (Retired) - On February 28th 1994, suddenly at home in Taupo, New Zealand. Most dearly loved husband of Elizabeth and sadly missed by all his family and friends. In his 78th year. All communications please to 56 Harvey Street, Taupo, New Zealand.

FOSTER – On March 8th at Neston in Cheshire, Wilfred Neill ("Bonzo") Foster, C.B.E., aged 93, formerly of Port-of-Spain and Les Avants. Father of Pamela and Neill, "Lion of the Mountain". Funeral Service, Landican Crematorium (Centre Chapel), Arrowe Park Road, Birkenhead, at 12 noon on Thursday 17th March.

GASCOIGNE-MULLETT – The Reverend Peter David Augustine, F.V.C.M., of Whitby, Master of the Islamic at Castle Howard, sometime member of St Mary's Augustinian Abbey, Cornwall, sometime member of The London Oratory, sometime Licencee of the Star Inn, Harome, North Yorks., died peacefully at Coolridge Hospital, Leeds. Fortified by the Rites of the Holy Church. Requiem Mass 11 am Monday March 14th at The Abbey Church, Ampleforth, followed by private interment at Castle Howard.

GILL – On March 4th 1994, Hon. Rosemary Eva Gorell, beloved wife of Peter, mother of Katherine, Henrietta and Nicholas. Memorial Service 3 pm on Monday 14th March 1994 at Turville Church, Turville, Oxon. No flowers please but any donations to Church Action on Poverty, Manchester M1 1JT. Phone: (061) 256-9321.

DEATHS

MORRIS – On 6th March 1994, in Exeter, Edward David Cecil, aged 24 years. Deeply loved son of Elizabeth and David and devoted brother of Juliet and Patrick. Private funeral. Memorial Service to be announced later.

NICOL – Steven in his 85th year, on 6th March, peacefully in Birmingham. Very dearly loved husband of Dorothy, wonderful father to Sherwin, Denys, Peter, Emma, Teresa and Andrew. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of The Wayside, Solihull, on 16th March at 11 am. Flowers or charitable donations.

PLEYDELL-BOUVERIE – Doris. Peacefully on Saturday March 5th 1994 at West Suffolk Hospital, daughter of the late Hon. K. Pleydell-Bouverie and much beloved aunt and great-aunt. Cremation private. Memorial Service to be held at Hawkedon Church on Monday March 28th at 2.30pm. Donations, if wished, to Hawkedon Church c/o F. Cutbertson & Son, 25 Meadow Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk.

PRICE – On March 6th 1994, Charles William Brinton (Bill), aged 91, suddenly in hospital. A kindly gentleman sadly missed. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium, East Chapel, on March 18th at 12.30 pm.

PRIDEAUX – On March 9th, peacefully at home, Arthur Gayon Prideaux, aged 90, dearly loved brother of Laura and of the late Iris. Funeral Service at St Nicholas' Church, Longparish, at 11 am Tuesday 15th March. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

DEATHS

SCHWIND – Joan Eileen of Linton, Cambs. Wife of the late Charles Henry Schwind and a much loved mother and grandmother. Peacefully in hospital on Tuesday 8th March 1994. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Linton, on Wednesday 16th March at 2.30 pm to be followed by cremation. Flowers or if wished donations for Children in Need may be sent to H.J. Parrish Ltd., 43 High Street, Linton, Cambridge CB1 6HS.

SHERRINGTON – On Friday 4th March 1994, Cecil F. (Sherry) Sherrington, aged 80. Beloved husband and friend of Patricia and a dear father, grandfather and father-in-law. Family flowers only by request but donations, if desired, to The Parkinson Disease Society c/o J. Blackwell & Son, 20 High Street, Barnet, Herts. EN5 5RU (081) 449-2066 for all enquiries.

TAYLOR – Evan Nuttall, aged 96: formerly of the Malay Civil Service and Puisne Judge of the Colonial Legal Service, on 7th March 1994 after a short illness. Funeral at St John the Evangelist, Park Road, Bromley, on 18th March at 12.30 pm followed by cremation. No flowers, donations to Mouth & Foot Painting Artist, 9 Inverness Place, London W2 3JG.

WATSON – On March 8th, peacefully in a London nursing home, Peter Thomas. Enquiries Kenyons (071) 834-4624.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

HADDON – There will be a service for Joseph Haddon in Eaton College Chapel on Monday 21st March 3.30pm.

KEITH – James Robin Glyn. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Robin Keith will be held at St Giles, Cripplegate, at 11.15 am on Tuesday March 29th 1994.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BOWLER – On 10th March 1992, tragically, Alan, Consultant Engineer. Cherished memories of a most precious and irreplaceable gentleman still deeply mourned by his family and close friends.

BIRTHDAYS

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JOURDAN AMELIA STOREY
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MAJOR-GENERAL JIM HUTTON

Major-General Walter Morland, "Jim" Hutton, CB, CBE, DSO, MC and Bar, Glubb Pasha's chief of staff in the Arab Legion, died on March 5 aged 81. He was born on May 5, 1912.



JIM HUTTON won his first Military Cross in Palestine 58 years ago, when, together with five other British soldiers, he fought off a force of 50 Arabs for 12 hours.

From dusk to dawn on the night of October 14, 1936, the tiny British contingent were surrounded, after the tracks broke on one of their three armoured vehicles. With only one of their machineguns in working order, they were in grave danger of being overrun during the night. One Arab was shot by a corporal just as he was about to climb into Hutton's vehicle.

Support arrived from the RAF soon after daybreak, dispersing the enemy, and enabling the soldiers to carry out repairs and return to base. In addition to Hutton's award, the other five were all given the Military Medal.

Hutton won the bar to his MC six years later, in the Second World War, when he commanded a squadron of the 3rd Royal Tank Regiment (RTR) at the Battle of Gazala in the Western Desert. Promoted to lieutenant-colonel, he went on to command the 5th RTR with distinction in North Africa — for which he was awarded the DSO.

He took over 40th RTR for the campaign in Sicily and Italy, and at the early age of 31 looked set for a brilliant career in war and peace. Brave and resourceful, with a proven record in command, he might have expected to lead a brigade into battle on D-Day.

But Hutton's career then took a sideways step. The accepted theory is that it followed a quarrel with his brigade commander over Hutton's insistence on resting his troops — exhausted after months in the front line.

The upshot was that he was transferred back to Britain. He took an emotional farewell of cheering, tearful soldiers, who knew him as "Fearless Jim", to become commandant of the Royal Armoured Corps wartime Officer Cadet Training Unit (OCTU) at Sandhurst.

Thus the young officer who was said to be so cool headed under fire that his orders came over the radio "like the voice of a radio announcer reading the news", was to see out the rest of the war in rural Surrey.

Hutton's immediate lineage was unusual for a soldier. He was born in Wiltshire, the son of Walter Stritch Hutton, a professional artist and member of the Royal Academy. His mother, Amy Newton before her marriage, was the daughter of the Newton of Winsor & Newton Paints. Their young son Walter was always to be known as "Jim", in memory of James Hope-Wallace, the artist and friend of his father, who died in the First World War.

He went to Parkstone Grammar School, Dorset, and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst, from where he was commissioned into the Royal Tank Corps (as it then was) in 1932.

On leaving Palestine in 1937, he qualified as an "interpreter first class" in Arabic, after spending 12 months with a family in Egypt. His subsequent career was partly determined by this.

After a succession of postwar staff appointments, including two years on the directing staff of the Army Staff College, he was posted in 1953 to Jordan to serve for three years as chief staff officer to General Sir John Glubb, the British commander of the Arab Legion.

For an admirer of T. E. Lawrence (and of Glubb himself), the job must have seemed tailor-made. But some think that Hutton never made the most of his opportunity, by failing fully to exploit his knowledge of the Arabs and their language. As it was, he left in 1956 after the young King Husain dismissed Glubb Pasha.

Following a year at the Imperial Defence College (IDC), he was back in the Middle East as deputy commander (land), with British Forces in the Arabian Peninsula (BFAP), based in Aden, between 1957 and 1959.

There followed more staff jobs in London, including three years as Director General Fighting Vehicles, from 1961 to 1964 — during which time he was deeply involved in the development of the Chieftain Tank. He retired in 1966, after spending two more years at the IDC — this time as the chief army instructor.

He then took over the job of home bursar at Jesus College, Oxford, which gave him an MA by decree and elected him a fellow. He also became one of two examiners in military history at the university and sat as a governor of the United Oxford Hospitals for three years from 1969.

On retiring from Jesus in 1972 at the age of 60, Hutton moved to Spain for 11 years, returning to settle in Cornwall in 1983.

Hutton was an accomplished tennis player until well into his 40s, and was even better at squash — representing his regiment and winning a number of championships.

Opinion remains divided over why Hutton did not rise quite as high as many contemporaries had expected. Some think that, although he was companionable and well liked, he might have been too reserved to advance his own cause; others, that he spoke his mind too freely. Whatever the reason, his star never quite regained its early glitter.

A devout and active churchman throughout his life, Jim Hutton is survived by his wife Stella, whom he married in 1945, and by their two sons and a daughter.

PROFESSOR GEORGE SAYLES

George Osborne Sayles, Professor of Modern History, Queen's University of Belfast, 1945-53, and Burnett Fletcher Professor of History, University of Aberdeen, 1953-62, died on February 28 aged 92. He was born on April 29, 1901.



GEORGE SAYLES was one of those fortunate academics whose commitment to his chosen field of study, medieval English legal history, was total and long lasting. As a result, he was able to produce an astonishing and invaluable corpus of highly specialised work well into his eighties, much of which is certain to stand the test of time. Nor is this surprising, given that his hero and model from the beginning was the great F. W. Maitland, recognised then as now as one of the most distinguished English legal historians of this century.

A born medievalist, George Sayles's gifts emerged early. Graduating with first class honours in History and taking the Ewing Gold Medal at the University of Glasgow in 1923, he quickly went on to become lecturer and senior lecturer at his alma mater until 1945, when he was appointed to the chair of Modern History at Belfast. Cutting his teeth in his Glasgow years with his edition of *The Early Statutes* (1934) and the *Rotuli Parliamentorum Anglic* (1935), he then began his great work on *Select Cases in the Court of King's Bench under Edward I*, three volumes (1936-39), and *Select Cases in Procedure without Writ under Henry III* (1945), before departing to Belfast.

Once in Ireland, Sayles threw himself bravely into medieval Irish legal history, where he amassed a sufficiency of source material to enable him to publish *Parliaments and Councils of Medieval Ireland* (1947) and *The Irish Parliament in The Middle Ages* (1952); and in later years, a study on *The Irish Parliament* (1954) and *Documents in the Affairs of Ireland before the King's Council* (1979).

Away from all these specialised works, however, he had slowly been getting together, during his war years in Glasgow, a popular book for his undergraduates which eventually emerged in 1948 as *The Medieval Foundations of England*. In his own words, it was meant to be a history of ideas in action. Clearly written, avoiding factual narrative, and frequently challenging received opinion, it was an instant success among English speaking students everywhere, and quickly went into three editions.

Nor was this surprising, since it was one of the most refreshing characteristics of this learned scholar that, with his dry wit, pungent humour and robust asides, he was able to impart to his readers the necessity of judging for themselves the strength and order which the law brought to the machinery of government in medieval England, and of looking closely at the texts themselves before being too readily carried away by those books which concentrated mostly on the personalities of its medieval kings. This independent attitude of mind did not endear him to those of his colleagues for whom the age of Stubbs had passed, and the teaching of constitutional and administrative history was no longer required.

Back in Scotland in 1953, Sayles returned once more to his *Select Cases in the Court of King's Bench* and to his Selden Society edition of his beloved *Fleta*. The enthusiasm with which his publications and lecture tours in the United States were received by their leading legal historians, however, may have finally persuaded him to retire from his Chair of History at Aberdeen in 1962, and to devote himself to completing the editions of his sources.

Before he died he published a further four volumes of King's Bench records *Edward II and III*, *Richard II*, *Henry IV and V* (1956-72); three volumes of *Fleta* (1955-84); a splendid text book with H. G. Richardson on *The Governance of Medieval England* (1963); *The English Parliament in the Middle Ages* (1981) and, at the age of 87, *The Functions of the Medieval Parliament of England* (1988) — an extraordinary record of single minded devotion for which legal historians will long be grateful.

Quite properly, honours were lavished on him throughout his life. He was made a member of the Royal Irish Academy during his Belfast days, a fellow of the British Academy (1962), Hon DLitt. Trinity College Dublin (1965), Hon LLD, Glasgow University (1979) and honorary fellow of the Medieval Academy of America (1980).

George Sayles was a man of considerable intellectual courage and honesty who had little time for academic cant and charlatanry, although most generous to young scholars and those less gifted than himself. A courteous, kind, and private man, he is survived by his wife Agnes and a daughter, his son having predeceased him.

DONALD PHILLIPS

Donald Phillips, pianist, composer and musical director, died on February 24 aged 80. He was born on December 18, 1913.

AS MUSICAL director and accompanist to a host of popular singers, Don Phillips was a familiar figure of the entertainment business throughout the 1950s and 1960s. Versatile, reliable and unassuming, he provided musical arrangements and backing for some of the most successful stage, television and recording entertainers of the day including Shirley Bassey, the Beverley Sisters, Joan Regan, Anne Shelton, Dickie Valentine, Donald Peers and Alan Jones.

He had a flair for composing unpretentious but engaging popular tunes. Recorded by such artists as Winifred Atwell, Russ Conway, Liberace and the orchestras of Mantovani, Billy "Wakey Wakey" Cotton, Sidney Torch and his namesake, the clarinettist and bandleader Sid Phillips, Don Phillips's compositions included "Old Piano Rag", "Concerto in Jazz", "Skyscraper Fantasy", "A Live Show is the Best Show" and, perhaps the most memorable, "Among My Souvenirs".

He won an Ivor Novello award in 1958 for "Melody of the Sea" and on several occasions pieces of his music were chosen to be sung by contestants in the Eurovision Song Contest including "Love is the Same Everywhere", which was performed by Matt Monroe and "Girl With The Curl" by Ronnie Carroll.

Don Phillips came from a family with no musical background. His father was a tailor living in Dalston, east London, and he left school at 14. But with his musical ability and the benefit of lessons from a local music teacher, he tried his hand at piano-playing in public houses. He was still only 15 when he was noticed at a pub in Maida Vale by the music publisher, Lawrence Wright, who ensured that he received further musical tuition and was soon displaying the sheet music of compositions by Don Phillips in the window of his premises in Denmark Street — London's Tin Pan Alley. During the Second World War Phillips was a member of an RAF entertainment unit.

He was divorced and leaves a son and daughter.

DAVID LIVINGSTONE

David Willmott Livingstone, CBE, former deputy chairman and managing director of Albright & Wilson, died on March 3 aged 68. He was born on February 3, 1926.



DAVID LIVINGSTONE was the managing director of Albright & Wilson, Britain's largest manufacturer of phosphates, for nearly 15 years, from February 1972 until his retirement in November 1986 at the age of 60. When he joined the company in 1949, after a degree in modern languages at Christ Church, Oxford, it was still controlled by the Albright and Wilson families but had become a quoted public company 12 months earlier. When he retired, Albright & Wilson was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Tenneco Inc. Yet despite that profound change, the company had retained much of its character, as an international chemical company with mainly British senior management. The continuity owed a great deal to David Livingstone, who became managing director soon after Tenneco acquired the right to take control of the company, following the major difficulties encountered in a Newfoundland phosphorus project.

In the years after 1972 the operational problems in Newfoundland were overcome, the company broadened internationally, in Europe, Asia and the United States, and there was a programme of major rationalisation. There were technological advances, notably in the development of purified phosphoric acid, which was to make further rationalisation possible in later years. The recession of 1980-81 was weathered and was followed by profits higher than those recorded in any previous year. David Livingstone was appointed CBE in the 1981 New Year's Honours.

His personal qualities won him high regard from his team: he was a man of the highest integrity, and of rigorous standards but a very kindly man, with an impish sense of humour. He was a master of the spoken and written word who looked for clarity of expression in others and could penetrate through unsound arguments. He was once asked, by a journalist, if he could have done his job better if he had been trained as a chemist. "Yes," he replied, "and also as an engineer, psychologist, accountant and fortune-teller. Unfortunately you can't know it all any longer and you have to make the most of what you have."

His posts with Albright & Wilson alternated between the company's historic base in the Midlands and London, for many years its headquarters. In Birmingham, his interests included being a life governor of Birmingham University, a member of the Council of the Edgbaston High School for Girls and a trustee of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra. He was a companion of the British Institute of Management and held office in the Confederation of British Industry and the Chemical Industries Association.

His interests included collecting 19th-century posters, magic lanterns and old slides, and constructing and paddling coracles, as well as the more usual activities of golf and the arts.

He married in 1950 Jane Margaret Barrow, who died in 1981. He is survived by his second wife, Jenny, whom he married in 1984, and by three daughters and a son.

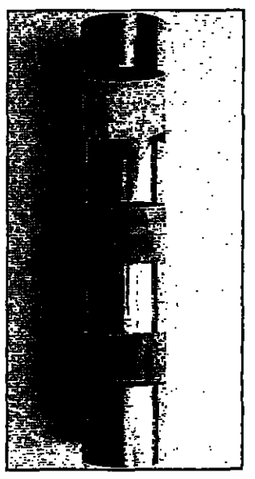
DONALD JUDD

Donald Judd, artist, died in New York of lymphoma on February 12 aged 65. He was born in Excelsior Springs, Missouri, on June 3, 1928.

IF DONALD JUDD never acquired the sort of popular notoriety enjoyed by contemporaries such as Carl André (of Tate bricks fame), this was probably because his works, though scarcely less minimal, positively radiated the Protestant work ethic. Others might seem to be showmen and public relations experts as much as they were artists, but no one ever suspected Judd of being anything so lightweight as a confidence man. His work was severe and restrained, but at least one felt there was something there to require restraining; not for nothing had this shy and rather prim man begun as a splashy and colourful Abstract Expressionist painter, then given it all up for the good of his artistic soul.

Judd, like his art, was, above all, serious. Not always solemn; his wit was too trenchant for that. But he was essentially a person who required to work everything out in advance, to have everything under control. His sculptures (which characteristically he preferred to call "specific objects") were simple in form, geometrical, immaculately machine-finished, highly polished and sometimes (though not often) brilliantly coloured. They always looked workman-like, useful, even if their exact function had not as yet been defined.

Some of the free-standing pieces in wood and polished steel did indeed look faintly like recognisable furniture — chairs, tables, storage bins — and here, no doubt, his great admiration for the furniture of De Stijl and designers like Rietveld showed itself; he was, significantly, an enthusiastic collector. But equally these seemingly prosaic constructions create an unexpectedly magical effect. The shape, for instance, which Judd repeated many times, of a chest of drawers with all the drawers pulled out an equal distance from the face of the wall, lends itself to all sorts of mysterious variations, defusing light upwards and downwards, radiated with colour, direct or reflected, until all prosaic associations are banished.



One might, of course, say the same of the best Shaker furniture, also apparently a potent influence. It is not so clear what Judd, an articulate critic when he wished to be, as well as a part-time architect, thought of the architecture of Mies van der Rohe, but a parallel also exists, both in the virtues of clear, minimal form based on a subtle balance of internal tensions and total absence of ornament, and in the occasional vices: of both Mies and Judd it has to be said that when they were not on form their work tended to be just plain dull.

Though often classed with Conceptual artists, Judd saw his work as essentially empirical, starting like any more traditional art from instinct and inspiration, developed under the control of the artist's intelligence and professional discipline. To this extent Judd was a sculptor clearly inscribed in a tradition, however firmly he denied it.

He was born in the Midwest, but brought up all over the United States, as his father's job with Western Union kept the family constantly on the move. He early determined that he wanted to be an artist, but was not able to pursue his studies until after service in the Korean war. Naturally, studying at the New York Art Students League in the early 1950s, he began in the fashionable mode of the time as an Abstract Expressionist painter. But his degree in philosophy and art history from Columbia suggested another side to his interests, and it was not long before he forsook painting for, as he saw it, the greater reality of making objects in three dimensions: first low relief and then the characteristic free-standing forms in metal, wood, or plastic of his maturity.

For a shy, retiring man he managed his career very well, asserting himself as a leading figure of the Minimalist movement early on and achieving a kind of acceptance much longer withheld from most of his contemporaries, by virtue of his evident integrity and the extreme clarity with which he put over his ideas on art.

In 1964 he married a dancer, Margaret Finch, but the marriage ended in divorce, and latterly he shared his life with Maria Stockebrand. He leaves a son and a daughter.

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PINTER WRITES HIS OWN FILM SCRIPT

THE CARETAKER

Two weeks ago we had occasion to praise Mr Clive Donner for the inventiveness and visual flair with which he handled a deficient text in *Nothing But The Best*. This week it is his sobriety and self-effacement in the screen presentation of a really distinguished text which demand our gratitude.

The text, of course, is Mr Harold Pinter's: a script he himself has drawn from his masterly stage play. The adaptation is a model of taste and economy in the meaningful re-thinking of something originally conceived in terms of one medium for another, very different medium. Mr Pinter, remarkably for a relatively inexperienced screenwriter, has resisted the temptation to open out the action indiscriminately because this is what the cinema can do and the stage cannot: instead, he has left the action which took place properly and necessarily within that one junk-filled attic room where it was, but has cut his text with an acute appreciation of what a screen close-up makes it unecessary to say in so many words, and has inserted a very few, very brief exterior scenes (the garden, the snowy road outside) which serve principally to accentuate the isolation, the safe, womb-like isolation of the room in which most of the action takes place.

Thus the film becomes for its director very much an essay in analysis: there are few chances for easy picturesque effects; instead, the director must choose with the utmost intelligence exactly what his (and our) viewpoint will be at any given time, how the camera can explore more deeply into the characters without breaking up the overall rhythm of a scene. At this, Mr Donner acquits himself admirably: if his direction lacks the positive distinction of Cocteau's own screen rendering of *Les Parents Terribles* or the stark inevitability of Bresson's *Un Condamné à Mort s'est Échappé*, it never gets in the way of the screenplay or damages its fine, close-knit texture.

But then, too, Mr Donner has been very lucky with the human material he has to work from. It is difficult to imagine how the three roles could be better acted than by Mr Alan Bates as Mick, the savage, extrovert brother, Mr Robert Shaw as Aston, the withdrawn, mentally crippled brother, and Mr Donald Pleasence as Davies, the disreputable tramp who passes briefly through their lives. If Mr Shaw emerges as marginally the most impressive, it is probably because he is the least familiar to British audiences. But all achieve a freshness and edge quite extraordinary considering the number of times they have played the roles already, and few are likely to dispute that *The Caretaker* is bound to remain one of the best-acted films of 1964.

In the same programme are an inventive cartoon by Mr Bob Godfrey, *The Rise and Fall of Emily Sprod*, and a short parable, *The War Game*, which suffers slightly from the rameus of its message but amply confirms the directional gifts of Miss Mai Zetterling, already hinted at in a group of distinguished television documentaries.

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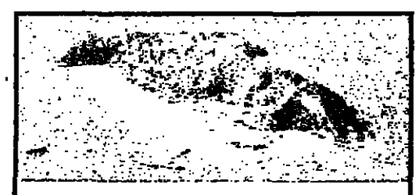
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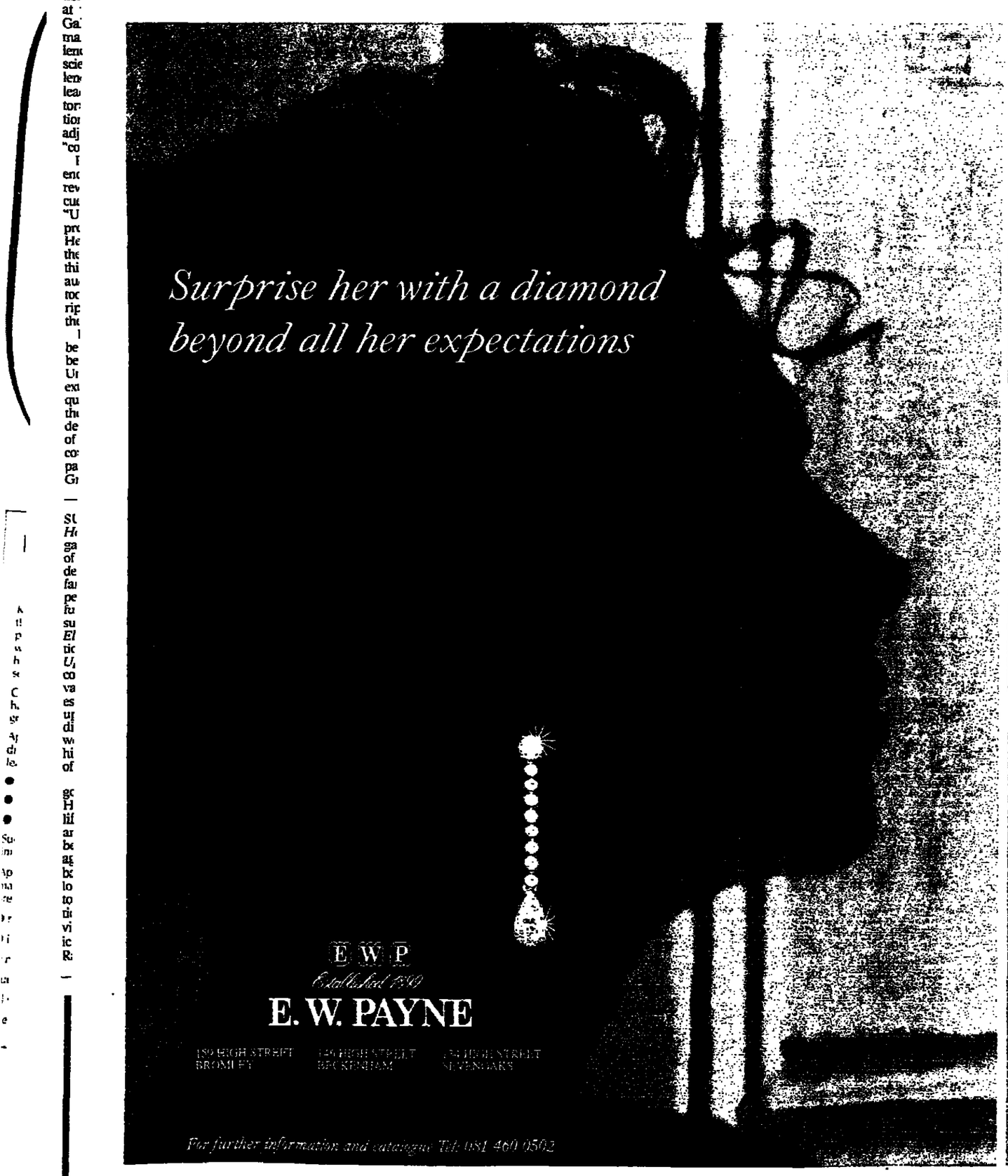
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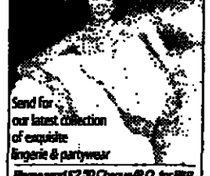


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Queen's Bench Division — Law Report March 10 1994 — Chancery Division

Asylum-seeker entitled to all relevant facts

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Abdi
Same v Same, Ex parte Gawe
Before Mr Justice Sedley
[Judgment March 4]

The principles of natural justice entitled an asylum-seeker to disclosure by the Secretary of State for the Home Department not only of those facts relied on in support of his certificate that there was no foundation for the asylum-seeker's claim that his removal from the United Kingdom would be contrary to its obligations under the Geneva Convention 1951 but also of any factual material pointing in the opposite direction.

Nor could the secretary of state rationally issue such certificate where his conclusion that it was safe to return the asylum-seeker to a third country was based only on an assessment of the number of applications which that country had accepted for consideration without any comparative assessment of the numbers of asylum applications declined for substantive consideration by that country, together with the reasons for such.

Mr Justice Sedley so held in a reserved judgment in the Queen's Bench Division when granting the applications of Khalif Mohamed Abdi and Abdifarah Abduleh Gawe for orders of *certiorari* quashing (i) certificates issued by the Home Secretary on December 7, 1993 under paragraph 5 of schedule 2 to the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 to the effect that each applicant's claim that his removal to Spain would be contrary to the UK's obligations under the Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) (Cmd 9171) and (1967) (Cmd 3906) was without foundation and (ii) the dismissal on January 5, 1994 in the case of Mr Abdi and on January 12 in the case of Mr Gawe by special adjudicators of appeals against the decision by the Home Secretary to refuse them leave to enter the UK.

Miss Christa Fielden for the applicants; Mr Ian Ashford-Thom for the Home Secretary.

MR JUSTICE SEDLEY said that the applicants were Muslim Somalis who had come to this country via Spain. Each had sought asylum on arrival on November 25, 1993.

The secretary of state, satisfied that Spain was a safe country to which the applicants could be sent in accordance with paragraph 180K of the *Statement of Changes in Immigration Rules* (HC 251), had not considered their applications substantively and had proposed to return the applicants to Spain.

The applicants had appealed to the special adjudicator against that decision on the ground that removal to Spain would be contrary to the UK's obligations under the Geneva Convention but the Home Secretary had already certified under paragraph 5 of Schedule 2 to the 1993 Act that the applicants' claims in that respect were without foundation. The special adjudicators had dismissed the appeals of both applicants.

The applications before his *Lordship* raised the question of what was the proper procedure by and standard to which the Home Secretary, and in turn a special adjudicator, was to decide whether it was the case that no foundation existed for a claim that removal to a third country would be contrary to the UK's Convention obligations.

Miss Fielden had pointed to evidence, in existence on the dates of the appeal hearings but unknown to the applicants, that asylum-seekers returned to Spain as a safe third country risked being returned to their country of origin by Spain without substantive consideration of their claims.

Accepting that a claim for asylum was "without foundation" if the secretary of state did not consider on balance that it would be contrary to the UK's obligations under the Convention to remove the applicant to Spain, Miss Fielden had submitted that a very high procedural and substantive duty of fairness rested on both the Home Secretary in coming to such conclusion and in turn on the special adjudicator.

She had relied on the well known statement of principle by Lord Bridge of Harwich in *Re Musisi* ([1987] AC 514, 531).

That statement of principle was, in his Lordship's judgment, of determinative importance in the instant cases. An asylum-seeker who might in truth be facing death or ill treatment in his country of origin was deprived by the certificate of the opportunity to have the merits of his claim to asylum considered by the UK.

That placed the secretary of state under a duty to come to his conclusions about the safety of third countries on the basis of the best information reasonably available and on the special adjudicator a duty to make a rigorous and truly independent appraisal of the same question on appeal.

In his Lordship's judgment, the principle had the following implications for the decision-making process of the minister and the special adjudicator:

1 The nature and sources of information which the Home Secretary reviewed were a matter for him. There would, no doubt, be a minimum level of enquiry below which he could not be said to be keeping himself informed at all and, likewise, certain types of information on which it would be unreasonable to rely.

2 The more slender the range or quality of the Home Secretary's information, the less defensible his certificate would be, at least where countervailing evidence existed.

3 The material relevant to the Home Secretary's decision was to be put properly before the special adjudicator. Failure in that regard would make a mockery of the special adjudicator's independent duty of rigorous scrutiny.

4 Special adjudicators, being skilled and specialised office holders who would build up from case to case a fund of information about different third countries, would err both in deciding cases upon the basis of private information of that kind and in ignoring it and closing their minds to everything except the evidence that the Home Office chose or the appellant was able to put before them.

Rather, they should inform the parties of any established or credibly asserted fact of which they were aware and which was capable of having a bearing on their judgment in order to give the parties a fair opportunity to make submissions either as to its factuality or relevance.

5 Correspondingly, it was encumbent on the Home Secretary to disclose to the special adjudicator not only those facts relied on in support of the certificate, and they might in many cases be simply that nothing at all was known to the detriment of the third country, but also any factual material pointing in the opposite direction.

Underlying those propositions was his Lordship's view that an appeal to a special adjudicator was a proceeding radically different from a *lis inter partes*. The secretary of state could not, having come to a decision, challenge the asylum-seeker to impugn it if he could.

Moreover, the secretary of state owed duties of candour and helpfulness not only to individuals but also to the statutory appellate tribunal whose function it was to do justice between the secretary of state and the asylum-seeker.

His Lordship then referred to the evidence relied on by Miss Fielden comprising, *inter alia*, a report by Amnesty International entitled *Passing the Buck — Deficient Home Office Practice in "Safe Third Country" Asylum Cases*, (July 1993).

His Lordship inferred the Home Office to have known at the material times of two cases referred to in the report which, although relevant to the question whether Spain was a safe third country, had not been drawn to the attention of the special adjudicators.

The special adjudicators in turn had therefore failed to consider the two cases when determining the applicants' appeals. His Lordship could not believe that any reasonable observer would think that such a situation had much to do with the standards of scrutiny and fairness which Lord Bridge had described in *Re Musisi*.

The decisions of the special adjudicators in each case would therefore be quashed for breach of natural justice.

Moreover, the Home Secretary's certificates in each case would also be quashed on the ground of irrationality.

The evidence made it clear that in concluding that Spain was a safe third country the Home Secretary had had regard simply to the absolute numbers of asylum applications accepted for consideration by Spain in 1990 and 1991. Those figures were of negligible value in relation to the question which he had had to consider in late 1993.

What mattered were recent comparative figures of the numbers of asylum applications not accepted by Spain for consideration and the reasons for non-acceptance.

The figures cited by the Home Secretary did not demonstrate anything of relevance.

Solicitors: Param & Co, Colindale; Treasury Solicitor.

When service at last known address is irregular

Al-Tobaishi v Aung
Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Kennedy
[Judgment February 21]

Service of a court order on a plaintiff at his last known address was not properly effected by delivery of it to his London address when the solicitors serving the order knew that he was currently living and working overseas. The failure to effect proper service resulted in such overwhelming prejudice to the plaintiff that a default judgment made against him could not be allowed to stand. The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the plaintiff, Sheikh Abdullah Al-Tobaishi, from the order of Mr Simon Goldblatt, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the High Court, that had upheld a judgment for default in compliance with an order of Master Trench in July 1991 made in favour of the defendant, Mr Albert Aung. The deputy judge had rejected the plaintiff's case that the judgment be set aside for irregularity on the ground that the "unless" order with which he had failed to comply had never been served on him.

Mr Michael Crane for the plaintiff; Mr Richard Spearman for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the writ, issued by solicitors in 1987, gave the plaintiff's address as 42 Upper Brook Street, London W1. In 1990 the defendant's solicitors were given written confirmation that the plaintiff was Saudi Arabia's ambassador to Senegal residing in Dakar.

The plaintiff's solicitors thereafter took themselves off the record and Order 67, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court thus applied. That rule provided that where a party's solicitor came off the record that party's "last know address . . . shall for the purposes of the service on him of any documents be deemed to be his address for service".

Meanwhile the defendant's solicitors served a summons on the plaintiff at his London address seeking copy documents. The plaintiff, at the time in Senegal, was not made aware of the summons or what followed from it until he returned to London in 1992 and instructed solicitors to apply to set aside the default judgment that had been made against him in August 1991.

The deputy judge held that the service on the plaintiff at his London address was regular. Having commented on the plaintiff's address on the writ he said that the defendant was "entitled to treat that address as an address at which the plaintiff may be reached unless it has been demonstrated to that party with complete clarity . . . that that is not an address at which the party can be reached".

The deputy judge further held that even if service on the plaintiff had been irregular, he would exercise the discretion given to him by Order 2, rule 1 to overlook such irregularity.

Order 67, rule 7 was a deeming provision laying down a method for effecting service. It had to be strictly complied with. The failure to serve the plaintiff in Senegal meant that the master's order was never served and default never arose, the defendant's solicitors not having attempted to send a copy of the summons to Senegal.

The plaintiff, relying on *White v Weston* ([1968] 2 QB 647) and *Willowgreen Ltd v Smithers* (*The Times* December 14, 1993) was entitled to contend that his "last known address" was not 42 Upper Brook Street, a flat where he was not then living and where the defendant's documents had not come to his notice. The default judgment, having been obtained in proceedings not properly served on the plaintiff, had to be set aside *ex debito justitiae*.

Lord Justice Kennedy agreed.

Solicitors: Farrer & Co; Taylor Joynson Garrett.

Revenue refuse approval to share option scheme

Inland Revenue Commissioners v Reed International plc
Reed International plc v Inland Revenue Commissioners
Before Mr Justice Blackburne
[Judgment March 4]

The Board of Inland Revenue was entitled to refuse to grant Reed International plc approval to alterations to its employees' share option schemes that Reed requested to make because of its merger with another company. The proposed alterations could not be approved because of the non-fulfilment of certain requirements laid down in Schedule 9 to the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in a reserved judgment in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from part of the decision of a special commissioner (Mr David Shirley) and dismissing Reed's appeal against another part of that decision.

Mr Alan Moses, QC and Mr Launcelot Henderson for the Crown; Mr Andrew Park QC for Reed.

MR JUSTICE BLACKBURNE said that Reed had applied under paragraph 4 of Schedule 9 to the 1988 Act for approval by the board of alterations to its 1984 executive and SAYE share option schemes. Both schemes were approved schemes under section 185 of, and Schedule 9 to the Act.

Under the schemes, employees of Reed subsidiary companies were granted options to acquire shares in Reed. The alterations sought, resolved on by Reed subject to obtaining Revenue approval, were made to take account of the merger on January 1, 1993 between Reed and a Dutch company, Elsevier NV.

The merger provided for the formation of a 50:50 deadlock company. After the merger, companies which had formally been wholly owned Reed subsidiaries ceased to be under Reed's control within the meaning of section 840 of the Act.

It was to cater for the consequences of that change of control that the alterations to the schemes were made. The effect of the merger, assuming no alterations to the schemes, was to cause an option holder in the employment of a Reed subsidiary to cease to be an employee so that his options had to be exercised within six months of that triggering event and in default would lapse.

The first question, which the commissioner had determined in Reed's favour, concerned the alterations designed to prevent the merger from operating as a triggering event.

Paragraphs 25 and 29 of Schedule 9 provided that the price at which scheme shares might be acquired had to be stated at the time the right was obtained and could not be manifestly less than 80 per cent of the market value of the shares at that time.

The Crown took the view that by virtue of the proposed alterations, rights to acquire shares would be obtained by option holders different from rights that they had enjoyed prior to the alterations.

The result, it was said, was that if the price at which the shares might be acquired by the exercise of such rights was manifestly less than the market value of shares of the same class at the time of the alterations the requirements of paragraphs 25 and 29 could not be approved.

Mr Park's argument, accepted by the commissioner, was that the alterations merely prevented each existing option from becoming exercisable on January 1, 1993 and from lapsing, if not exercised in the meantime, on June 30, 1993 and that neither consequence involved the option holder obtaining a new right. The right, he said, which an option holder had to acquire shares in Reed after the alterations was one conferred at the time the option was originally granted.

Mr Moses, citing *IRC v Eurocopy plc* (*The Times* November 22, 1991; [1991] STC 708]) submitted that the alteration of the period of time for the exercise of the right gave an option holder a right different from that given under the original grant and that amounted to the "obtaining" of a right within the meaning of paragraphs 25 and 29.

The critical issue was whether, by the alterations, the period for the exercise of the option was altered so that the option became exerciseable during a period when, but for the alterations, it could not have been exercised. In such a case, the option holder acquired a right relevantly different from what he had before the alterations.

The question therefore was whether when each scheme was altered so as to remove one of the contingencies, with the consequence that the contingency ceased to be an event which could determine when the option began and ended but which left the option holder with the right to exercise the option during a period commencing with the occurrence of any of the remaining contingencies, an option holder thereby obtained a right to acquire shares under the scheme which previously he did not have.

The answer to that was that he did. The commissioner erred on that issue and the Crown's appeal succeeded.

The second question, that arose only in relation to the SAYE scheme, was whether an employee participating in the scheme in its altered form would, after the merger, be an employee of a participating company participating in a group scheme. "Group scheme" and "participating company" were defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 9.

The Crown's case was that a scheme expressed to extend to a company of which the grantor did not have control was not within the definition of a group scheme. The SAYE scheme, it was said, in it altered form, would extend to companies over which the former Reed subsidiaries which employed the option holders would not, after the merger, have control.

It was implicit in the definition that a scheme would not be a group scheme if it extended to companies over which the grantor did not have control.

The Crown's argument was correct and Reed's appeal against that part of the commissioner's decision was dismissed.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Freshfields.

Welfare of baby applicant is paramount consideration

F v Leeds City Council

On an application for a care order the court's paramount consideration was the welfare of the child which was the subject of the application and not the welfare of that child's mother, also a child.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Ward) so held on February 17 in a reserved judgment, dismissing an appeal by the mother against a care order made by Judge Hutchinson at Leeds County Court.

MR JUSTICE WARD said that the mother was aged 17 when she gave birth to a daughter. The judge made a care order in respect of the baby and gave leave to the council to refuse to allow contact between the baby and her child parent.

The mother appealed arguing, *inter alia*, that the judge ought to have taken into account the mother's welfare since at the time she too was a child.

The judge had directed himself by reference to section 1(1) of the Children Act 1989 and the correct approach, in *Birmingham City Council v H (No 2)* (*The Times* December 17, 1993; [1994] 2 WLR 31) was to identify which child was the subject of the application.

There was only one child with respect to whom the application was being made and that was the baby, not the child mother. It followed that no question relating to the mother's upbringing arose and the court was not required by section 1(1) to treat the child mother's welfare as the paramount consideration.

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hereby gives advance notice in accordance with section 54 of the Transport Act 1962, that it plans, subject to the provisions of Section 56 of the Act, to withdraw the passenger train service from SMETHWICK WEST station, West Midlands, (located between Birmingham New Street and Stourbridge Junction)

British Railways Board
Euston House
24 Eversholt Street
Lonodn NW1 1DZ

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity: Coleman and Company Limited Employees' Benevolent and Pension Fund
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference RE8-2276554/1-CDD.dm221. Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

LEGAL NOTICES

EDL SPECIALIST PRODUCTS LIMITED
Company Number: 1624489
Nature of business: Manufacturer of chemicals
Trade classification: 206
Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 2nd March 1994
Name of persons appointing Joint Administrative Receivers: Barclay Acceptances Limited.
Joint Administrative Receivers: Messrs Harold Davis and James Robert Austin of Anchor Brewhouse, 50 Shad Thames, Tower Bridge City, Tower Bridge, London SE1 2YD. (Office holder numbers 1208 and 1651).

HOW MUCH LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, on Friday the 18th March 1994, at 11 o'clock in the fore noon, for the purpose mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Gopal & Co., Trevlot House, 186-192 High road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on from Wednesday 16 March 1994.
Dated this 28th day of March 1994
D J DUFFY
Director

SECTION 293 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
STANLEY JUDD
IN BANKRUPTCY
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Trustee of the above-named company (bankrupt) on 02 February 1994.
DATED this 7 day of March 1994
N J Hamilton-Smith - Trustee

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 878386
Name of company: Moviescope Limited
Nature of business: Video Film Rental Company
Address of registered office: Trevlot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex. IG1 1JQ
Type of Liquidation: Voluntary
Liquidation: Richard Andrew Segal, A Segal & Co, Trevlot House, 186-192 High road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ.
Office Holder No: 002685
Date of appointment: 2 March 1994
By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors
Signature: R A Segal
Date: 2 March 1994

IN THE MATTER OF MOT CONSTRUCTION LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 3 March 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter of Carter Backer Winter, Fifi House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company.
M J Carter
Dated this third day of March 1994

The Insolvency Act 1986
IN THE BRIGHTON COUNTY COURT
NO 1580 of 1993
RE: CLIFFORD DONALD BECKINSALE T/A C B FABRICATIONS
Residing at 28 Hawthorne Walk, Paradise Drive, Crawley West Sussex RH10 2RD and formerly trading at Hangar 4, Beehive Ring Road, Crawley West Sussex
L D L Morgan of 63 High Street, Crawley, West Sussex, RH10 1BQ hereby give notice that I was appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the estate of the above on 17 February 1994 by the Creditors under Section 295 of the Insolvency Act 1986.
If any creditor of the above wishes to make a claim in these proceedings details must be sent to me at the above address within 28 days. Please note that I do not intend to advertise for further claims prior to declaration of dividend except to contact those creditors listed on the bankrupt's statement of affairs. If you do not lodge a claim within 28 days, you may be excluded from any distribution.
DATED THIS 8 DAY OF MARCH 1994
D L Morgan

LEGAL NOTICES

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CHANTICLEER CATERING LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of Chanticleer Catering Limited by a Resolution of a Meeting of the company's creditors held on 3 March 1994.
DATED this 7 day of March 1994
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ACME SOLUTIONS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named company will be held on 29 March 1994 at 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Derrington FIPA, of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2) (a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 4th day of March 1994.
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Richard McGuiness
DIRECTOR

No. 00705 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
IN THE MATTER OF JAMES DRUMMOND HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice Chancery Division dated 2nd March 1994 confirming the reduction of the share capital of the above named company from £14,000,000 to £7,415,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 8th March 1994.
Dated 9th March 1994
Booth & Co
Sovereign House
South Parade
Leeds LS1 1HQ
Solicitors for Company

No.1012 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF WESCOL GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 18th day of February 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by £1,698,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before His Honour Judge Kolbert sitting as a High Court of Justice Judge at Leeds on Friday the 25th day of March 1994 at 10.30 am.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished for any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED THIS 25th day of February 1994
Walker Morris
Kings Court
12 King Street
Leeds LS1 2HL

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
MICHAEL SUMNER & COMPANY LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frances Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 1st March 1994.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Eric Popat at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I. Frances
Liquidator

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106(1)
DIGITAL GRAPHIC SERVICES LIMITED
IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances, Licenced Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frances Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 28th February 1994.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Eric Popat at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.

No. 00922 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BISHOPSCOURT FINANCIAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 2nd March 1994 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company in accordance with the above-mentioned Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 7th March 1994.
Dated the day of 9th March 1994
David Dibben & Goldsobel
23 Bamstead Street
London W1M 6HT
Ref: SPC/B202
Solicitors for the Company

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Members or Creditors)
Pursuant to Section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 1165949
Name of company: Elan International Ltd
Previous name of company: Courier and Data Transit Ltd
Nature of business: Overnight Parcel and Freight Distributor
Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary
Address of registered office: c/o Cork Gully, 45 Temple Row, Birmingham B2 5JT
Liquidator's name and address: David Robert Wilson, Cork Gully, 45 Temple row, Birmingham B2 5JT
Office holder number: 5708
Date of appointment: 15 February 1994
By whom appointed: The Creditors
Signature: D R Wilson
Dated: 22nd February 1994

RULE 4.106 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
C J UDEN & CO LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
TAKE NOTICE THAT I, Nigel John Hamilton-Smith of Morton Thornton & Co, Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of C J Uden & Co Limited by a resolution at the meeting of the company's creditors held on 2nd March 1994.
DATED this 3 day of March 1994
N J Hamilton-Smith, Liquidator

COMPANY NOTICES

COMMERCIAL BANK OF LONDON PLC

Notice is hereby given that the seventy-second Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at its registered office, 66 Cannon Street, London EC4N 6AE, on Monday, 11th April, 1994, at 2.15 pm, for the following purposes:

1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December, 1993 together with the Report of the Auditors thereon.
2. To declare a dividend.
3. To reappoint as Directors:
Sir Christopher Prout, QC
Mr G. P. Manaikas
who were appointed during the year and who retire pursuant to Article 83 of the Company's Articles of Association.
4. To reappoint as Directors:
Mr D. J. Newton
Mr A. S. Andreadis
who retire by rotation pursuant to Article 88 of the Company's Articles of Association.
5. To reappoint the Auditors and to authorise the Directors to fix their remuneration for the current year.

By Order of the Board
D. L. HUMPHREYS
Secretary

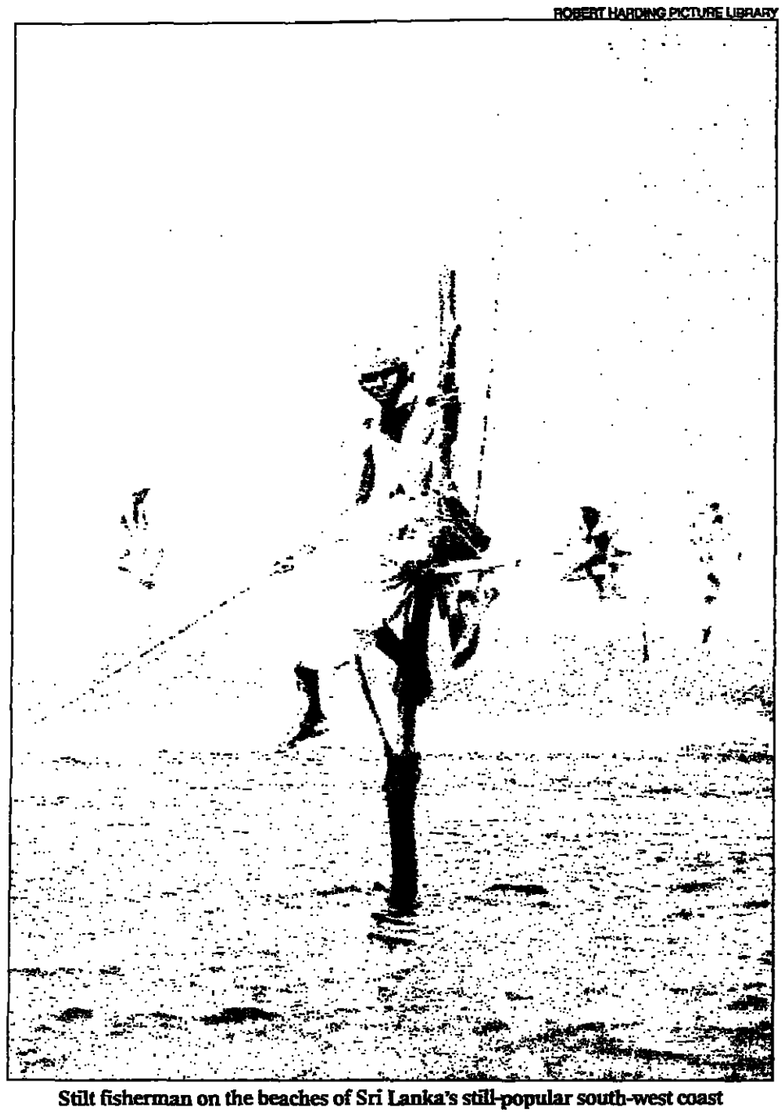
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9th March, 1994.

Notes:
1. Any member of the Company entitled to attend and vote at the above Meeting may appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of that member. A proxy need not be a member of the Company.
2. There are no contracts of service which are required to be made available for inspection at the Meeting.

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Sri Lankan plans go awry



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Stilt fisherman on the beaches of Sri Lanka's still-popular south-west coast

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

■ The southern and and hill resorts are thriving, and tourism officials want the business to spill over onto the east coast

THE SRI Lankan tourist board has launched a campaign to persuade British holidaymakers to visit the island's east coast, once a no-go area because of terrorist action.

Hotels and guest houses are being refurbished and upgraded in time for the summer season which begins in June.

However, the campaign has run into opposition from the Foreign Office which is advising British nationals against travelling to the north and east, although it says tourism is thriving in the southern coastal regions and the hill and cultural resorts.

The campaign has also met with a lukewarm response from British operators who say they will not organise packages to the east until the FO pronounces it safe.

Sri Lanka is now more stable than it has been for some years. Last year, arrivals from Britain were up by 24 per cent and in 1994 are expected to come close to the record figure of 407,000 set in 1982, the year before the main outbreak of ethnic violence.

Air Lanka (071-930 4688) now has four flights a week from London and a charter from Caledonian Airways flies to Colombo once a fortnight.

While tourists are unlikely to experience problems in the south and centre of the country, Amnesty International says "disappearances" and extra-judicial executions of Tamils continue to be committed by government forces in the north-east.

The Tamils, fighting for an independent ethnic state in the north-east, still control the town of Jaffna and much of the north.

Over the past few years the road into Trincomalee, the main town in the eastern coastal region, has often been closed and is in need of repair. A journey east from the island's hill country is interrupted by police road-blocks.

However, Wimal Wickremarat, director of the Sri Lanka tourist board, is convinced that Trincomalee could once again become a busy tourist resort. "Accommodation will be ready for tourists by June, and there has been a steady increase in the number of tourists since 1990 as the situation in the country has stabilised," he said.

'When the tourist industry in the east collapsed, incomes were halved'

"British tourists outnumbered the French for the first time last year although Germans still make up the largest group — 95,000 in 1993."

The country is desperate to revive the east coast tourist season, which runs between June and September. At that time the popular south-western beaches, where stilt fisherman perch on branches sunk deep into the sand, are deserted because of the monsoon.

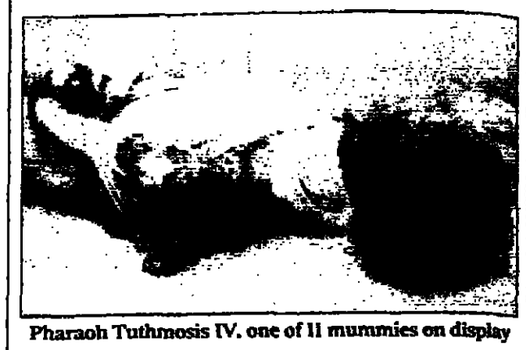
Tourism was a vital part of Sri Lanka's economy before the troubles, as one hotelier on the south-west coast explained: "Many of the people running watersports for tourists used to spend six months in the south and then move their operations to the east coast. When the tourist industry collapsed in the east their incomes were halved immediately and the island was no longer a year-round destination. It has been extremely difficult for many of them to survive."

Hayes & Jarvis (081 748 5050), which offers packages to the island concentrating on the south-west beaches, tea-producing hill country and ancient cities, says it has no plans to extend its programme to the east. Its nine-day Ceylon Tour visits the major cultural sites and offers the option of spending an extra week or two either in Sri Lanka or the Maldives.

Prices start from £699 per person for 14 nights including board and the first nine days include a visit to the tea country of Nuwara Eliya, sightseeing in the town of Kandy, climbing the Lion Rock at Sigiriya to see the remains of an ancient fortress and cave frescos and visiting the country's former capitals of Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura which flourished 3,000 years ago.

Kuoni Travel (0306 740500) believes the east coast hotels are unlikely to be ready before next year, and says it will be guided by Foreign Office advice. Sri Lanka is hoping to achieve the status of Newly Industrialised Country (NIC) by the turn of the century, but is still heavily dependent on foreign aid.

Return of the mummies



Pharaoh Tuthmosis IV, one of 11 mummies on display

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER

MANY of Egypt's ancient royal mummies have been on public display this week for the first time in 14 years.

As part of Egypt's drive to repair the damage inflicted on the tourist industry by Islamic militants, 11 of the 27 mummies banished to the store room of the musty Cairo Antiquities Museum in 1980 were back on show.

The decision to allow visitors to view the mummies was a controversial one aimed at wooing back the tourists who only last month were given a "final warning" to leave the country by the main armed group, el-Gamaa's el Islamiya.

For the beleaguered regime of President Mubarak, who personally sanctioned the re-appearance of the 3,500-year-old relics, the reopening of the tastefully redesigned mummies room was a double gesture of defiance.

It was in an effort to counter militant Islamic criticism against the public display of the dead that President Sadat first ordered the royal remains to be locked out of sight. Only a year later, he was gunned down by those whose sensibilities he had tried to appease.

In addition to ignoring Islamic criticism of the display of the mummies, the present government has made clear that its return is a central plank in its campaign to defeat the militants, whose attacks cost the tourist industry nearly US$1 billion last year.

"Egypt enjoys a distinguished history and civilisation, and its people are very hospitable to tourists," said Atef Sidki, the prime minister, when he inaugurated the exhibition, which costs £7 for tourists and £3.50 for students.

Mr Sidki, who survived an assassination attempt by extremists last year when his motorcade was bombed, added with a note of optimism not shared by many diplomatic observers: "The recent incidents are very trivial, compared with those which occur in other countries. The acts that now occur in Egypt will soon vanish, and tourism will flourish again."

In reality, the rose-tinted museum is in the front line of the war against the fundamentalists. One bomb exploded under a tourist bus in its car park earlier in the campaign, and an ambulance now parked by the entrance lawn is a reminder that more violence could happen at any time.

Visitor numbers have slumped drastically. Six thousand used to arrive daily before the militants spotted that tourist revenues could prove the Achilles' heel of a government they want replaced by an Iranian-style republic.

Judging by the anger of Mohammed, a 29-year-old Cairo Muslim, who was walking near the museum yesterday, more can be expected. "These dead kings should be allowed the dignity to be buried in private. They should not be shown to foreign people to gaze at them. It is very bad," he said.

A resident of the Cairo slum of Imbaba, one of the hot beds of fundamentalism in the capital of 15 million, Mohammed added: "What is worse is that they are selling photographs of these dead people. It will cause more trouble."

From the Ritz to a B 'n B

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A FORMER general manager of the Ritz Hotel in London is running a three-bedroom bed and breakfast in a rural and undiscovered part of France.

David Hopkins, having spent 20 years in grand hotels after hotel school in Lausanne, left his job in 1991, sold his house, and mucked in as builders' labourer, living in "a shed above a cow stall" while he worked to renovate a farmhouse in the mountainous Ariège area of the Pyrenees.

Mr Hopkins said: "We thought the time to make a change was while things were going well. We had friends in the area and we wanted our children to experience another culture. Property prices here are about a quarter what they are in Britain, so we paid off the mortgage, and my wife found work as a district nurse."

The property the Hopkinses bought, Manzac d'en Bas at Castex (010 33 61 69 85 25), provides three bedrooms which can be let all the year round. It features as a *chambres d'hôte* in the *Gites de France* guide.

"We are really busy in June, July and August, and have occasional lettings the rest of the year," Mr Hopkins said. "The Ariège is astonishingly rustic and very unsophisticated. People who are used to the Ritz would only come here if they were looking for the complete opposite."

Jumping good fun

BY JOHN YOUNG

THOUSANDS of exuberant Irish men and women will descend in a joyous horde upon the genteel town of Cheltenham next week on their annual Lenten pilgrimage. Their destination is not the town itself, with its elegant tea-rooms and terraces, but the great natural arena of Prestbury Park where the feast of St Patrick neatly coincides with the three-day National Hunt festival, the high point of racing's "jumping game".



The lure of Cheltenham

Racecourse officials expect about 5,000 pilgrims to cross the water, but that is almost certainly a conservative estimate. For the Irish, horses are truly part of the national culture. Among a sports-mad population the big races, especially during the winter months, are greeted with almost as much excitement as the All-Ireland hurling and Gaelic football finals. In a country where everyone seems to know everyone else, it is a rare social occasion when the talking does not turn to racing at some point.

A high proportion of the hurdlers and steeplechasers in English stables are bred in Ireland, and over the years Irish trainers have produced legendary equine stars such as Arkle and Dawn Run, L'Escargot and Captain Christie.

Their success rate may have slowed, but no matter. The "crack" is as good as ever, and the free-spending visitors provide a valuable boost to the local economy.

At work and play

EXECUTIVES wanting to sharpen their management skills while taking a break can book places at the summer school (July 30 to August 6) at the Ashridge Management College (0442 843491) in Hertfordshire, on the edge of the Chiltern hills. The week-long break, including all activities, meals and accommodation, costs £1,200 per person or £1,800 for two people sharing.

Channel offers

EURODRIVE (081-342 8979) has a range of discounts and special deals for fares across the Channel. The company advises regular travellers to join its membership club, £8 per family per year, where subscribers are informed of special offers and can make reservations through one central number.

Speedy arrival

CONTINENTAL Airlines is offering the INSPASS service to flyers who travel to America more than three times a year. A US immigration programme being tested at Newark, New York, enables citizens to be processed quickly on their arrival. Application forms are available from Concierge at Gatwick, Paris, Frankfurt, Munich and Madrid airports.

Travellers at rest

BUSINESS travellers can take advantage of Forte Travelodge's (0800 850 950) room price of £31.95 per night, which is being held until April 15.

On the fast track

INTERCITY is trying out a First Class Executive Day Return package for passengers from Newcastle, Darlington and Durham to London. Priced at £140 from Newcastle and Durham, £135 from Darlington, it includes return travel, a meal, seat reservations, car parking and zone one Underground travel.

Cutting it fine

VIRGIN Atlantic now offers business class travellers a complimentary haircutting and salon service based within the Virgin Clubhouse at Heathrow Airport.

Best of the West

THE *Trencherman's West Country*, a free guide to 33 restaurants in Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Avon and Wiltshire, says that West Country gastronomy is undergoing a renaissance. Meal prices quoted range from £15 to £50 and copies are available from the tourist board (0392 76351).

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

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Air war looms as global deal collapses

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT

BRITAIN and America were yesterday preparing for an "unthinkable" transatlantic air war which could break out a week from today.

As both sides manoeuvred nobody could predict how far the confrontation might escalate. At worst, flights between Britain and America could be grounded, the diplomatic equivalent to a "nuclear exchange" — unlikely, but by no means impossible.

At the root of the battle is BA's $400 million investment in ailing USAir and the "code sharing" opportunity — allowing passengers to switch airlines on their original ticket — the deal has provided. Despite USAir's worsening financial problems, which led BA this week to decide to slow down further involvement, the deal seems certain to pay dividends eventually with increased passengers and improved profits.

Two giant US airlines, American and Delta, want the whole agreement rescinded, a move which would effectively torpedo the entire bilateral agreement.

The opportunity to scrap the deal comes on March 17 — when US transport secretary Federico Pena has to renew and approve the code-sharing agreement, under which British Airways passengers will be able to fly from more than 100 cities in the US to catch a BA transatlantic flight, and be ticketed as if they were on one airline.

Robert Crandall, outspoken chairman of American Airlines, is using his dislike of the deal as a bargaining chip in what, to him, is a bigger game. He wants Mr Pena to scrap the entire aviation agreement between the US and Britain, including the code-sharing rights, unless his airline is given much greater access to Heathrow and rights to fly from there on international routes in competition with BA.

"It is time for the US to renounce the bi-lateral agreement, as that is the only way we will get the UK to allow us to compete on equal terms," he said.

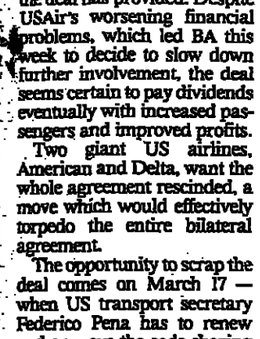
Already there are indications that the US transportation department is taking the complaints of its airlines seriously and is ready to echo America's tough stance over Japanese exports and the GATT negotiations.

In Britain, the Department of Transport is planning its own strategy and ministers have already warned that permission for some flights into Britain would be withdrawn if action were taken against BA, or if the code-sharing deal was not approved.

BA chief executive Sir Colin Marshall has shown little sign of being prepared to duck the coming fight, although his decision to hold back further investment in USAir could help to avert an immediate escalation of the dispute.

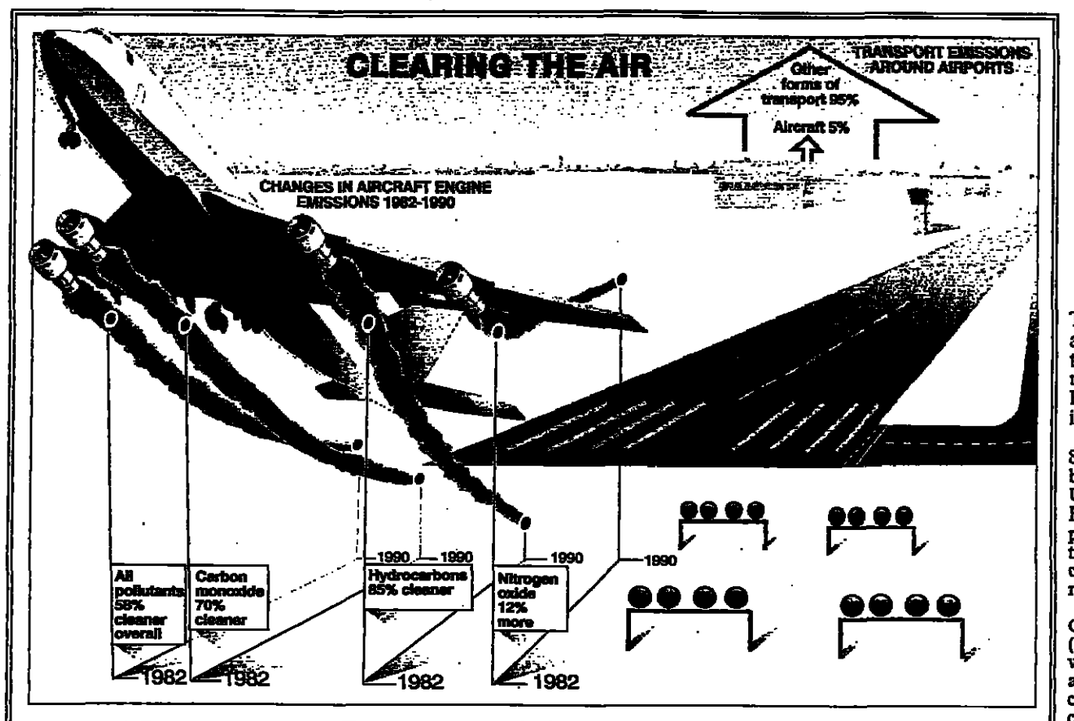
BA has a very strong card up its sleeve — its 60,000 American investors. Around 25 per cent of the 255,000 shareholders in BA are from the United States, and anything which will harm BA therefore harms them.

BA is playing a more controlled, and perhaps more powerful, hand. "A full-scale trade war in aviation between us is surely unthinkable" said managing director Robert Ayling. "I cannot imagine that the US will not comply with its international obligations." If he is proved wrong, and the unthinkable happens, there could be troubled skies ahead.





Sir Colin Marshall (left); American Airlines' Robert Crandall



Aircraft pollutants fear

■ New engines designed to be cleaner are releasing alarming levels of nitrogen oxides into the air

POWERFUL new aero engines, designed to be quieter, cleaner and more efficient, have produced an alarming rise in the levels of nitrogen oxides being released into the air (*Harvey Elliott writes*).

Scientists predict that the problem is about to get much worse. While the amount of hydrocarbon pollution created by jet aircraft, both in the upper atmosphere and on the ground, will fall sharply as the new engines are introduced, nitrogen oxide levels will more than double by the year 2005, they claim.

A computer model produced by the International Civil Aviation Organisation shows that 4,797 tons of nitrogen oxides will be deposited at the averageairport by 2005, compared with only 2,279 tons in 1987.

Although most engine emissions have been massively reduced over the last ten years — carbon monoxide down by 70 per cent and hydrocarbons by 85 per cent — the amount of nitrogen oxide has already gone up by at least 12 per cent.

Nitrogen oxide is believed to contribute to ground-level smog and acid rain, and can also cause breathing problems. It is estimated that jet aircraft produce between 2 and 4 per cent of global manmade NOx emissions, but little is known about the way these emissions react in the atmosphere.

"What appears to have happened is that engines became more efficient by burning fuel at a much higher temperature," says Dr Hugh Somerville, head of environemnt for British Airways. "Although this considerably reduced other emissions it actually led to an increase in the amount of NOx, because nitrogen and oxygen mix more easily at these higher temperatures."

In the United States, Nasa has launched a $100 million (£67 million) research programme to try to understand the effect of nitrogen oxides in the atmosphere, and it believes it may eventually be possible to build an engine which reduces these pollutants by 90 per cent. At the same time leading research organisations throughout Europe have joined in a two-year project called AERONOX to study the impact of aircraft engine emissions in more detail.

According to Leonie Archer of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, an expert in aircraft pollution, NOx emissions will rise until 2010 and then drop back to 15 per cent above the levels of 1990, as technology designed to overcome the problem is introduced.

In a new book, *The Environmental Impact of Aircraft on the Atmosphere* (Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, £14), Ms Archer calls for even more research and a tightening of regulations on aircraft emissions, including water vapour automatically produced when kerosene burns in aircraft engines.

Despite complaints from many living near airports, and the all-pervading smell of kerosene near them, it has been proved that aircraft are themselves responsible for only 5 per cent of the emissions into the air we breathe, while other forms of transport — cars, lorries and trains — make up the other 95 per cent.

Russians face UK visas hold-up

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY

THE Foreign Office has been asked to investigate claims that thousands of Russian tourists are unable to visit Britain because of delays in issuing their visas.

Half of all the anticipated 80,000 Russian travellers may be effectively banned from the UK this year because the British embassy in Moscow is processing only 30 applications daily, tour operators claim. The Foreign Office denies the allegations.

The British Incoming Tour Operators Association (BITOA) also says people wanting visas have to turn up at the embassy in person, a considerable challenge in a country the size of Russia. The association has written to the Foreign Office and British embassy complaining that Britain is losing business because of the hold-ups.

The British Tourist Authority has also written to Moscow asking for the situation to be clarified.

Richard Tobias, the secretary of BITOA, said: "It is incredible that at a time when Britain is competing vigorously for visitors from countries in the former Soviet Union, our own embassy is making the job unnecessarily difficult.

"We have had a number of reports from our members that they are losing business purely because our embassy is adopting restrictive practices. I am calling for an urgent meeting with the FO to ensure this situation is addressed without delay, so that Britain can benefit from the opportunities these new markets present."

BITOA represents more than 250 companies involved with incoming tourism. One of its members, the London-based JAC Travel, says it is "increasingly frustrated in efforts to bring tourists to London" because of "slow and complicated procedures for the granting of visas to our Russian clients".

JAC expects to carry around 500 Russian tourists in February and March, and 5,000 in total for 1994.

Diane Lequiffe of the tour operator London Handling said: "We have had constant problems with hold-ups in visa processing and people having to apply in person, for the last 12 months.

"Some people have paid for their holidays and had their bookings confirmed, and then been refused visas by the embassy.

"Lots of students want to come to the UK for language lessons and we could carry 20 times the number we do — currently 1,000 a year — if we did not face these delays."

A BTA spokeswoman said: "We have had a number of complaints from tour operators who are having difficulties securing visas for their clients.

"At present the UK is trying to increase its share of the Russian holiday market and we hope to attract significantly more Russians this year than last."

A spokesman for the Foreign Office said the allegations were unfounded and that extra staff had been sent to Moscow to help to clear applications.

"We are handling between 200 and 300 visa requests a day and one operator organising a cruise brought in 650 application at once.

"People only need to travel to Moscow if they are needed for interview.

"Otherwise they can apply for a visa by post. Because of the difficulties with hard currency and the changes in the value of the rouble we have to be assured that Russians coming here will not be a burden on the state."

Ukraine takes off

UKRAINE International, the Kiev-based airline, is flying into profit with less than 40 per cent of its seats filled — half the level needed by many West European airlines, *Colin Narborough writes*.

The carrier's low costs — despite operating American jets to western standards of service — illustrate the threat airlines from the former Soviet bloc can pose to West European carriers. Ukraine International is paying only a total of £133,000 a year for its 250 Ukrainian staff, compared with the average £30,000 some big western airlines pay each employee.

The airline, whose first flight was not until late 1992, flies regularly between Gatwick and Kiev. Ukraine's government owns 90 per cent and GPA, a western aircraft leasing group, holds 10 per cent. Despite the state's equity dominance, Richard Creagh, the airline's Irish deputy president, says the company is run purely commercially.

New US gateway delayed

TECHNICAL problems have caused a two-month delay at the vast new Denver international airport, which was due to open for business yesterday (*Christopher Lockwood writes*).

The $2.7 billion (£1.8 billion) project will have five runways operational from the outset, with a sixth due later this year and a total of 12 projected to handle 99 landings an hour — which, at 110 million passengers a year, will make it bigger than Chicago O'Hare and Altanta Hartsfield airports combined, and ultimately the largest in the world.

Problems centre on a new state-of-the-art baggage reclaim system which promised to have luggage on carousels even before passengers disembarked. Tests so far have shown that promise to be hollow, and both major airline operators at the airport — Continental and United — are relieved that the delay to May 15 will allow technicians to fix the system.

Until then, flights continue to operate to the existing Denver gateway at Stapleton, which will close when the new airport eventually opens.

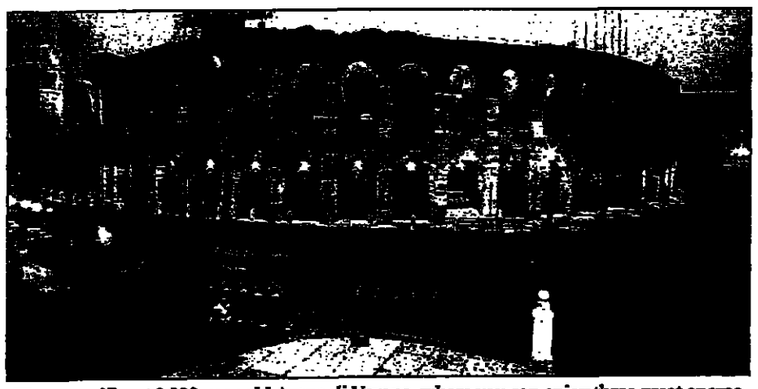
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The shells were fired from a Datsun car parked at the Excelsior Hotel in Bath Road on the airport perimeter but none exploded as they bounced off the north runway. Flights were suspended and roads were blocked ..... **Page 1**

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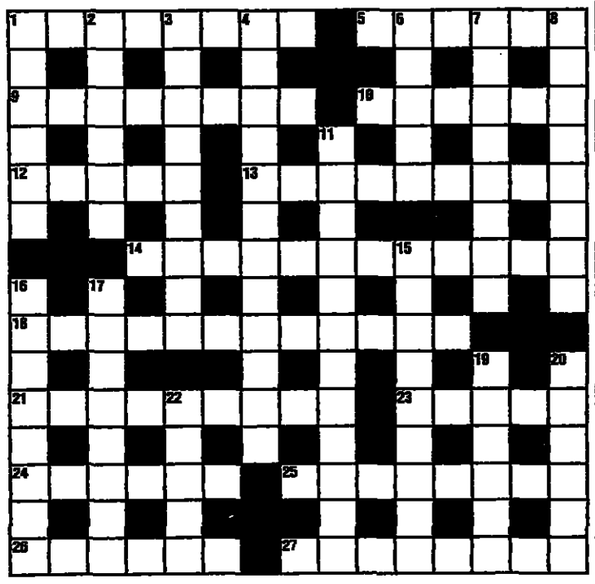
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temps: Jersey, Channel Islands, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, 0.56in; highest sunshine: Aberdeen, 8.8hr.

FORECAST

☐ **General situation:** England and Wales will start dry and bright with a good deal of sunshine. Cloud will thicken across northern counties during the morning, perhaps with rain by evening. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be bright at first, but rain will quickly spread from the west during the morning, reaching eastern Scotland during the afternoon. Amounts of rain in the east, though, will be small.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, Channel Isles:** Dry with sunshine and patchy cloud. Wind west light or moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW England, S Wales, Central N:** Dry with broken cloud and some sun. Wind west moderate. Max 10C (50F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, NE England:** Bright early, becoming cloudy, perhaps rain later. Wind west moderate or fresh. Max 9C (48F).

☐ ***Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:*** Bright morning, cloudy afternoon and evening with some rain. Wind west or southwest fresh or strong. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **Argyll, NW Scotland:** Dry early, soon becoming dull and wet. Wind southwest fresh or strong. Max 8C (46F).

☐ **N Ireland:** Becoming cloudy with patchy rain or drizzle after dry start. Wind southwest fresh or strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** Breezy and unsettled with showers or longer periods of rain.

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.3	0.02	7	45	sh	London	0.1	0.06	13	55	c
Anglesey	-	0.09	8	46	r	Lowestoft	0.4	-	16	61	c
Aspatria	-	0.59	9	48	r	Manchester	0.2	-	15	59	c
Aviemore	0.8	0.57	9	48	r	Margate	x	0.03	15	59	c
Belfast	1.2	48	12	54	r	Minehead	0.3	0.02	13	55	c
Birmingham	3.6	-	14	57	b	Morecambe	-	0.12	10	50	r
Bognor R	-	0.07	11	52	d	Newcastle	4.8	0.01	16	59	r
Bournem'th	-	-	11	52	d	Newquay	x	-	-	-	-
Bristol	-	0.07	14	57	c	Norwich	0.6	-	16	61	c
Buxton	0.5	0.07	13	55	c	Nottingham	2.2	-	15	59	c
Cardiff	-	0.39	11	52	du	Penzance	-	0.12	11	52	d
Clacton	0.2	0.01	14	57	c	Plymouth	-	0.05	9	48	d
Cleethorpes	x	-	-	-	-	Poole	-	0.02	11	52	c
Colwyn Bay	0.3	-	x	x	c	Rose-o-wye	2.8	0.06	13	55	s
Crosser	-	-	15	59	c	Ryde	x	-	-	-	-
Dunbar	x	-	-	-	-	Scilcombe	-	0.13	11	52	d
Eastbourne	-	0.11	11	52	fg	Sandown	0.1	0.03	11	52	du
Edinburgh	0.1	0.46	12	54	sh	Saunin Snd	-	0.04	10	50	c
Eskdalemuir	-	0.69	9	48	r	Scarboro'	0.7	-	14	57	c
Exmouth	-	0.02	11	52	c	Scilly Isles	-	0.02	10	50	d
Falmouth	x	-	-	-	-	Shanklin	x	0.02	10	50	c
Folkestone	-	0.04	9	48	c	Skegness	-	-	14	57	c
Glasgow	1.4	0.61	11	52	r	Southend	0.6	0.01	13	55	c
Guernsey	0.7	-	13	55	c	Southport	-	-	13	55	c
Hastings	-	0.02	10	50	du	Southsea	-	0.04	10	50	c
Heyting I.	x	-	-	-	-	Stornoway	3.7	0.11	8	46	h
Herne Bay	2.0	0.02	15	59	b	Swanage	-	0.04	10	50	d
Hove	1.0	-	11	52	fg	Teignmouth	-	-	11	52	c
Isle of Man	-	0.10	10	50	r	Torbay	-	0.06	10	50	d
Jersey	1.5	0.02	12	54	b	Tiree	1.9	0.38	9	48	d
Kinloss	0.8	0.12	11	52	sh	Torquay	-	0.01	12	54	d
Leads	1.8	0.01	16	59	r	Tynemouth	3.2	-	15	59	b
Lerwick	1.9	0.21	7	45	sh	Ventnor	-	0.02	10	50	fg
Lauchars	1.2	0.13	12	54	r	West-s-mare	-	0.28	13	55	c
Littlehmpton	-	0.04	10	50	c	Weymouth	-	0.03	11	52	c
Liverpool	0.1	0.01	13	55	c	These are Tuesday's figures.					

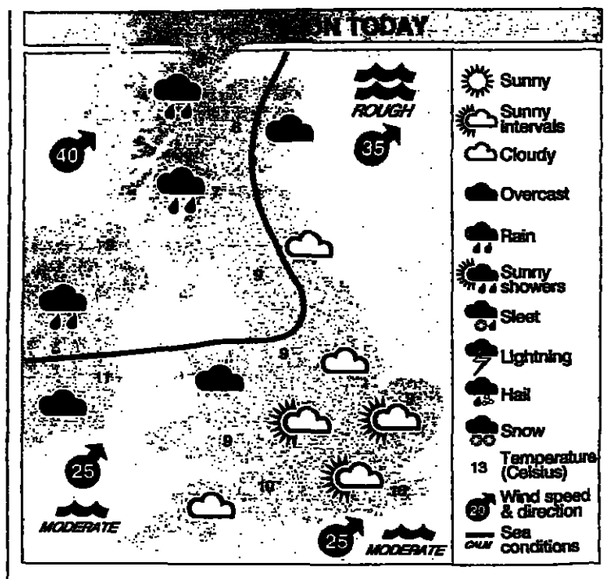
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Ajaccio	15	59	s	C'hagn	8	46	c	Majorca	14	57	s
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Corfu	18	64	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	18	64	c	Dublin	8	46	f	Malta	18	64	s
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	19	66	f	Malt'me	18	64	c
Amst'dm	9	48	d	Faro	20	68	s	Mexico C	25	77	f
Athens	10	50	c	Florence	11	52	c	Miami	28	79	f
Bahrain	21	70	s	Frankfurt	15	59	f	Milan	18	64	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Funchal	18	61	f	Montreal	0	32	sn
Barbados	29	84	f	Geneva	15	59	s	Moscow	-2	28	c
Barcelona	19	66	s	Gibraltar	17	63	s	Munich	17	63	s
Beirut	17	63	f	Helsinki	4	39	c	Nairobi	29	84	s
Belgrade	13	55	s	Hong K	19	66	f	Naples	14	57	s
Berlin	13	55	c	Innsbruck	15	59	f	N Delhi	26	79	s
Bermuda	21	70	s	Istanbul	9	48	f	N York	8	46	r
Biarritz	16	61	s	Jeddah	30	86	s	Nice	15	59	f
Borde'x	19	66	s	Jo'burg	23	73	f	Oslo	7	45	s
Brussels	12	54	f	L Palmas	19	66	s	Paris	16	61	s
Budapst	12	54	f	Le Touet	8	46	f	Peking	3	37	s
B Aires	30	86	s	Lisbon	19	66	s	Perth	25	77	s
Cairo	20	68	f	Locarno	17	63	c	Prague	13	55	c
Cape Tn	30	86	s	L Angels	18	61	c	Reykjavik	-2	28	f
Chicago	2	36	s	Luxembg	14	57	s	Rhodes	15	59	f
Ch'Church	13	55	c	Lyon	22	72	f	Rio de J	25	77	f
Cologne	17	63	s	Madrid	17	63	s	Riyadh	24	75	s

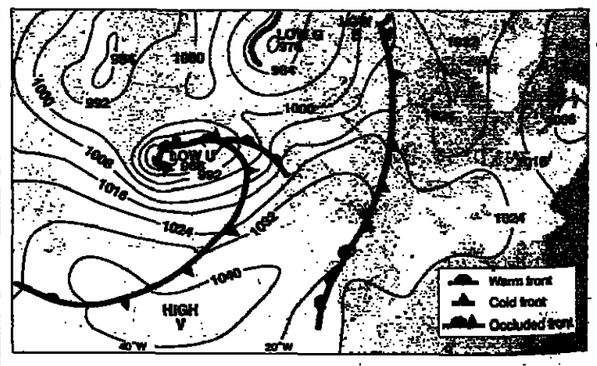
Rome	15	59	s	Salzburg	14	57	f	Stockholm	6	43	f
S F'isco	12	54	s	Santiago	27	81	s	Strasb'rg	17	63	f
S Paulo	23	73	c	Seoul	2	36	s	Sydney	20	68	r
Sing'por	25	77	r	Tangier	19	66	s	Tel Aviv	15	59	c
Tenerife	17	63	d	Tokyo	14	57	r	Tunis	18	64	f
Valencia	22	72	s	Vancouver	7	45	s	Venice	15	59	s
Vienna	11	52	c	Warsaw	7	45	d	Wash'ton	11	52	r
Wel'ngton	15	59	c	Zurich	13	55	f				

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TODAY



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Aberdeen	12.15	3.92	12.18	4.06	Lowestoft	8 41	2.32	8.28	2.40
Avonmouth	5.59	12.53	6.25	12.57	Margate	11.17	4.47	11.21	4.46
Belfast	9.54	3.34	10.22	3.19	Milford Haven	5.00	6.53	5.24	6.44
Cardiff	5.44	11.81	6.10	11.85	Newquay	3.59	6.6	4.16	6.5
Devonport	4.25	5.1	4.52	5.0	Oban	4.39	3.7	5.02	3.6
Dover	10.03	6.05	10.16	6.27	Penzance	3.26	5.2	3.52	5.1
Falmouth	3.55	4.9	4.22	4.8	Portland	5.31	1.9	5.59	1.8
Glasgow	11.55	4.7	—	—	Portsmouth	10.16	4.4	10.43	4.6
Harwich	10.46	3.78	11.02	3.73	Shoreham	10.17	5 91	10 38	5.20
Holyhead	9.15	5.29	9.41	5.14	Southampton	9.52	4.23	10.21	4.42
Hull	5.17	6.69	5.20	7.07	Swansea	5.10	8.97	5.33	8.97
Ilfracombe	4.50	8.67	5.13	8.62	Tees	2.35	4 78	2.42	4.98
King's Lynn	5 30	6.0	5.27	6.3	Wilton-on-Nze	10.41	3.96	10.55	3.85
Leith	1.29	5.12	1.42	5.22					

Sun rises:	Sun sets:	London 5.56 pm to 6.27 am
6.27 am	5.56pm	Bristol 6.06 pm to 6.36 am
		Edinburgh 6.05 pm to 6.42 am
Moon sets	Moon rises	Manchester 6.03 pm to 6.36 am
4.24 pm	6.18 am	Penzance 6.19 pm to 6.47 am

New moon tomorrow

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THE TIMES

THURSDAY MARCH 10 1994

Major clashes with Bank over inflation

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ The tone of bond and equity markets in coming days will be set by perceptions of US interest-rate policy after the publication of the Federal Reserve's economic outlook

THE Prime Minister and the Bank of England offered diametrically opposed opinions on the inflation outlook, in an unfortunate coincidence of public comment.

John Major told businessmen in Portsmouth that inflation appeared to be "under lock and key". In London, Rupert Pennant-Rea, Deputy Governor of the Bank of England, said that anybody who believed the war against inflation had been won was suffering from "a delusion, and a dangerous one too".

Mr Pennant-Rea's remarks underlined the Bank's desire to regain anti-inflationary credibility, which financial markets questioned when base rates were cut by a ½-point last month. The Bank, which has been stepping up its campaign to end political control of interest rates, is believed to have strongly opposed the Government's desire for a half-point cut but to have agreed on a compromise quarter-point. Gerard Lyons, an economist at DKB International, said: "The Bank wants to talk tough and give the impression it is prepared to act tough. It is an antidote to the over-optimism which crept into the Prime Minister's comments."

Speaking at a credit conference, Mr Pennant-Rea said monetary restraint had to become a habit. "After all the unforced errors of the past, it will take many years to prove that we have acquired it," he said, in a remark clearly critical of politicians.

Mr Major said recovery was patchy but indicators showed steady growth across many sectors. "What I believe we are beginning to get is a satisfactory platform for sustained recovery with low inflation," he said. The reaction in financial markets suggested that Mr Pennant-Rea's remarks carried more weight than the Prime Minister's, with short-dated gilts coming off a little. However, the tone of bond markets and, therefore, of equity markets will be set by perceptions of US interest-rate policy.

Markets' major focus was the US Federal Reserve's Beige Book, its latest assessment of trends in the US economy. Although it came too late to help the gilts market, the Beige Book gives a relatively sanguine view of the inflation outlook, and helped US Treasury bonds.

The report says the US economy grew modestly at the beginning of the year and shows little sign of rising prices. There is evidence that prices of building materials, selected metals and some chemicals are rising but there is no upward pressure on those of manufactured goods and consumer goods.

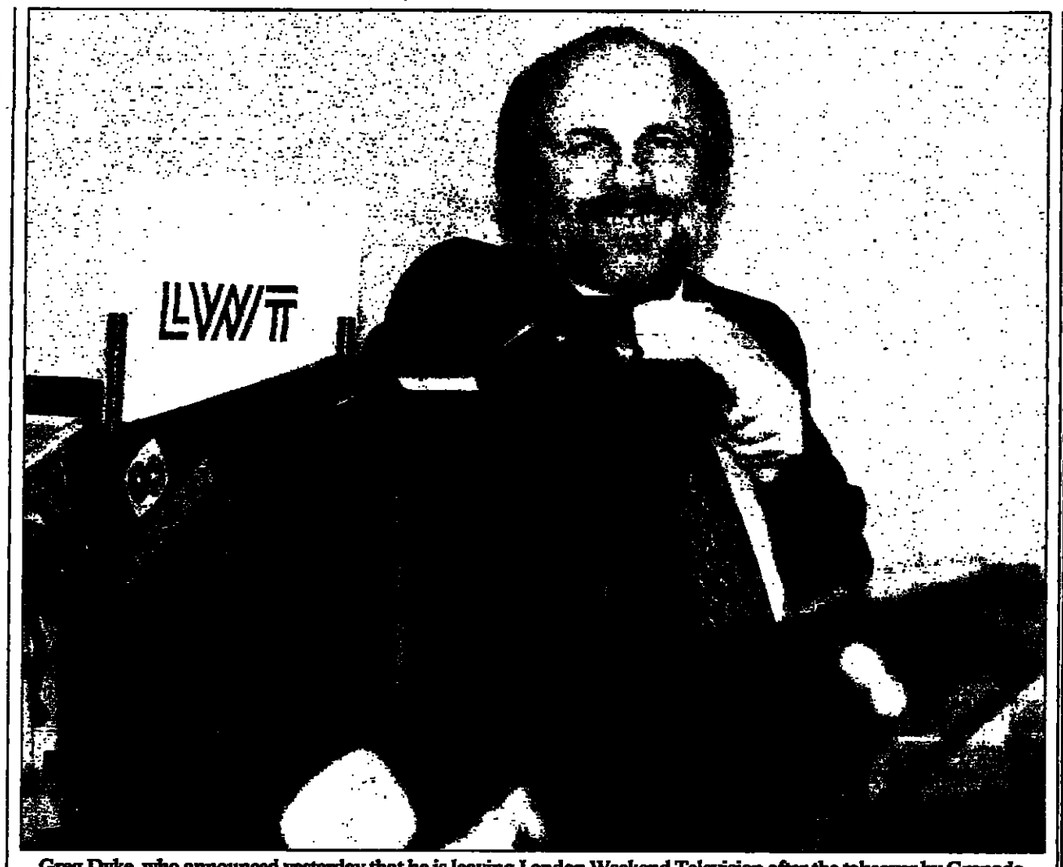
Introducing the report, Richard Syron, president of the Boston Federal Reserve, said he saw no immediate inflation problem but the central bank had to err on the side of caution. Prospects for reducing inflation were better than for some time. Bond markets had overreacted to the Fed's decision to tighten monetary policy last month.

Mr Syron said the Fed's action had been a pre-emptive strike. It was not "something that should cause great concern in the equity markets". Volatility in bond markets in response to short-term movements in the economy was "starting to become silly".

The tone of his remarks, and the report itself, should help to rebuild confidence in battered bond markets but came too late to affect London's markets. The FT-SE 100 index closed 17.7 points down at 3,246.7.

Germany, meanwhile, reassured markets, cutting its repurchase rate from 5.97 per cent to 5.94 per cent. Dealers expect further, similar, cuts in weeks to come.

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Greg Dyke, who announced yesterday that he is leaving London Weekend Television after the takeover by Granada

Dyke to quit at LWT

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

GREG Dyke, London Weekend Television chief executive, is to stand down at the end of the month, after LWT's takeover by Granada Group. In a message to staff at LWT's South Bank headquarters yesterday, Mr Dyke said his decision had been taken for "personal reasons"

Granada, whose £771 million takeover of LWT was clinched nearly two weeks ago, said Mr Dyke's position will be filled immediately by Charles Allen, who will retain his role as chief executive of Granada Television.

Gerry Robinson, Granada Group chief executive, also confirmed he is to replace Sir Christopher Bland, LWT's chairman, who was on a salary of £103,000 and has shares in the company worth £14 million — a result of LWT's "golden handcuff" share option scheme.

Mr Dyke was on a salary (including bonuses) of £174,000 in 1992, the last year for which figures are available, and holds LWT shares worth £9 million. His future as chairman of GMTV, the breakfast station, is uncertain, although insiders expect him to stand down.

BAT denies seeking to take over French insurer

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BAT Industries, the tobacco-to-insurance conglomerate, has denied widespread market rumours that it is to buy Groupe Victoire, the French insurance company owned by Banque Indo-Suez.

Sir Patrick Sheehy, BAT chairman, said "persistent speculation" had reached a stage where there was a danger that rumours of a possible related rights issue "could be capable of creating a false market in BAT Industries' shares". He said there was "no present intention" of making either an offer for Victoire, or a rights issue.

Market speculation was that BAT had looked at Groupe Victoire, but been unable to reach a deal on price. Other potential buyers are Allianz, the German insurer, and Generali of Italy.

Sir Patrick, meanwhile, was keeping BAT's options open. He said: "We are not going to preclude something that may happen next year or the year after."

The failure of the rights issue to emerge, along with 1993 figures that showed a healthy performance from the financial services side that more than balanced difficult trading in tobacco, sent BAT shares 18p ahead at 488p.

The group is paying a 12.2p final dividend, raising the total from 18.6p to 20.1p, out of earnings per share ahead from 29.3p to 38.5p. Sir Patrick said BAT was aiming to rebuild dividend cover to about two times' earnings.

The group had considerable help from currency movements last year. But for these, pre-tax profits would have been just 2 per cent ahead.

Trading profit from financial services was up 39 per cent in local currency terms to £913 million. The Farmers US operation managed an 11 per cent improvement, to £531 million, trading profits at the Eagle Star business in the UK rose £164 million to £179 million, and the third leg of financial services, the Allied Dunbar operation, boosted trading profits 22 per cent to £151 million.

In tobacco, after a 5.5 per cent fall in volumes largely caused by "tobacco wars", trading profits fell 14 per cent, to £.21 billion.

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Disney rebuffs royalties claim

BY JON ASHWORTH AND SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH

WALT Disney, parent company of Euro Disney, the troubled theme park group, is fiercely resisting attempts to make it waive rights to royalties worth more than Fr250 million a year.

Bankers to Euro Disney have laid claim to Fr350 million in annual management fees, along with royalties on the sale of Disney-brand food and merchandise. They argue that the revenue would effectively act as interest payments on up to Fr4 billion of Euro Disney debt.

The negotiations form a key part of a proposed Fr12 billion restructuring package designed to revive Euro Disney's fortunes. Outline approval has been agreed by a steering committee of bankers. Walt Disney had threatened to withdraw its financial support for the project on March 31 if agreement had not been reached.

The banks, led by Banque Indosuez and Banque Nationale de Paris, are believed to have agreed in principle to a Fr6 billion one-for-one rights issue designed to halve Euro Disney's crippling debt burden. Further reductions could come from a debt-for-equity swap, lower interest charges, the sale of hotels, and the transfer of royalties and management fees.

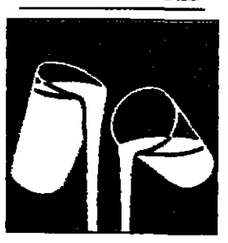
Walt Disney is understood to be prepared to waive annual management fees worth Fr100 million, but is reluctant to set a precedent on royalty payments. Observers consider such details to be fine-tuning and believe the immediate threat to the park's future has passed.

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Earl is big loser in Royal Britain fiasco

BY JON ASHWORTH



Brandreth: under fire

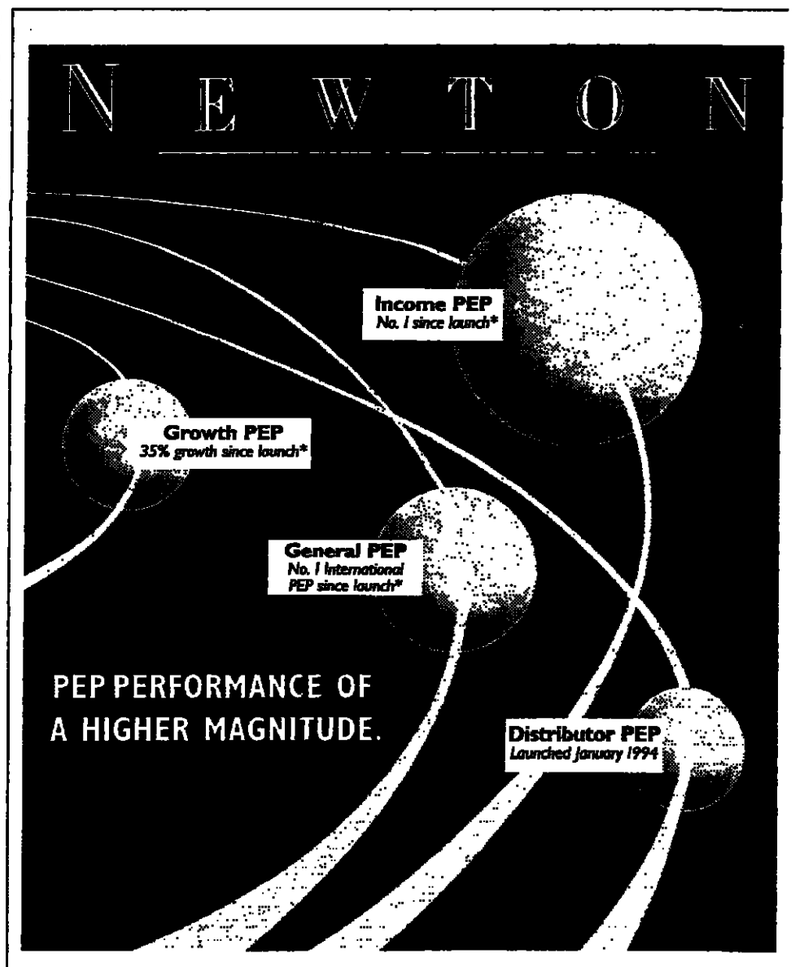
THE Earl of Bradford, one of Britain's richest men, lost at least £1.2 million in the collapse of Unicorn Heritage, a company set up by Gyles Brandreth, the MP, to run the Royal Britain exhibition at London's Barbican Centre.

Mr Brandreth is parliamentary private secretary to Stephen Dorrell, the Financial Secretary. Yesterday, Mr Dorrell unveiled a consultative document on venture capital trusts, the new vehicle chosen by the Government to help channel money into start-up businesses, much as the now defunct Business Expansion Scheme (BES) was supposed to do. Unicorn Heritage was one company helped by the BES. Documents from Cork Gully, appointed liquidator in June 1990, reveal that the Earl is to be paid £15,000, making him the only creditor to receive anything. He had guaranteed bank loans of £1.148 million and was a substantial shareholder.

The lack of compensation will anger thousands of private investors who raised £5 million towards the project under the BES in 1988. It is also likely to revive criticism of Mr Brandreth, MP for Chester and a well-known broadcaster, who was saw his role in the debacle come under fierce attack in the Commons in January. He faced calls to resign after it emerged that the Government had written off a £200,000 debt owed by Unicorn Heritage. He was paid £55,000 a year at the time of the collapse.

Investors had been drawn to the BES scheme by the prospect of £1 million in annual profits. In the event, Unicorn Heritage went bankrupt within two years, owing £8.8 million. Sir Leslie Porter, president of Tesco, was non-executive chairman of the company. Mr Brandreth was deputy chairman and artistic director. Cork Gully has told creditors that the failure to find a buyer for Royal Britain means no funds are available for general distribution. A meeting has been called for March 28.

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-17.7

DOW JONES
3836.81
-14.91
Midday trading figure

THE POUND

Dm
2.5477
-0.0042

US $
1.4923
+0.0045

GOLD

$379.55 per oz.

BRENT CRUDE

$13.20 per barrel (Apr)
6pm

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Vallance says end ban on TV via BT

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN could face a loss of jobs comparable to the 1980s rundown of manufacturing if ministers fail to ensure provision of infrastructure needed for the coming information revolution, Sir Iain Vallance, the chairman of BT, said.

Opening evidence to a Commons enquiry into future Optical Fibre Networks, Sir Iain called for an end to the ban on BT providing cable television broadcasts via telephone lines. Lifting the ban would trigger a race to build rival £15 billion broad-band networks.

Sir Iain told MPs that the future competitiveness of nations will be partly determined by the availability of information networks capable of carrying simultaneous telephone, television and computer data between homes and businesses.

Although BT had invested more in developing broad-band technology than any other telephone company in the world, it was unable to justify building a full network because of a ban on BT broadcasting television via phone lines. The ban was to stimulate construction of a UK second telephone network by cable television companies but had outlived its purpose.

Britain had a "partial, and tenuous" lead in the information revolution that links telephones, computers and radio-phones, Sir Iain said. Because the technology was still being developed, and standards determined, Britain had until about 1997 to devise a new strategy. The best approach would be for BT to develop two fibre optic networks, competing against each other and cellular telephone links to service customers.

If BT remained barred from competing, the company would try to develop the market by offering video on demand, to "make the most" of its existing narrow band network. But there was a risk that investment to upgrade the network — £3-£4 billion a year — would go elsewhere.

Richard Caborn, the committee's Labour chairman, told Sir Iain he, too, was concerned that competition in UK markets was sometimes given precedence over the ability of UK companies to compete internationally. "I think this is something we have to take into account when we draw up our report," he said. The committee has also arranged for evidence from Mercury Communications, BT's main competitor, and the Cable Television Association.

Lloyd's may make new offer

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE attempt by Lloyd's of London to end years of legal actions by thousands of loss-making names is not dead. It appears to be on ice until the High Court rules on the Gooda Walker Action Group case, the first major action due to reach court.

Last month, names rejected overwhelmingly a £900 million global settlement offer from Lloyd's, gambling instead on receiving bigger payouts from the courts.

In spite of numerous reiterations by David Rowland, Lloyd's chairman, and Peter Middleton, chief executive, that the offer was "final", it emerged yesterday that Lloyd's may reopen negotiations later in the year.

Mr Middleton, speaking yesterday at a Society of Names conference, Lloyd's is dead: Long live Lloyd's, said he expected "a movement to try again to see if some kind of resolution is possible. But it couldn't get under way until there is a ruling later this year on the Gooda Walker case."

Speaking of the last offer, which only won favour with names representing 38 per cent of the total £900 million, Mr Middleton said: "I don't think it was wholly a failure because on the way we have built up relationships with action groups and some of the underwriters. That means that if something begins to happen later in the year, then we are starting from a more promising place than in January 1993 when we first began to kick around the idea of a settlement offer."

He said: "It is my private view that it would be helpful for there to be the Gooda Walker case on April 26 because it will be generally helpful for the whole society for a case to be tested by law."

Michael Deeny, chairman of the Gooda Walker Group, which represents 3,000 litigating names and a speaker at the conference, agreed: "I think it is in the general interest of Lloyd's to settle. I believe that our case will help the possibility of a general settlement."

A judgment on the Gooda Walker case, which is expected to last 12 weeks, could be made before the autumn. There are a further 30-odd actions planned by other groups of names. Mr Middleton forecast that there will be a further shake-out of Lloyd's agents and underwriters as the insurance market strives to lift its level of professionalism. Some agents may as well shut up shop, he said, "as they are never going to meet the performance criteria we are going to set. Some of the rubbish will have to go".

STEPHEN MARKESON



Peter Middleton, yesterday, who is waiting for a ruling on Gooda Walker after constant reiterations of Lloyd's offer being final

EBRD cuts its costs

BY COLIN NARBROUGH

THE European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), attacked in the past for spending far more on premises and staff than on its target economies in the former Soviet bloc, has pared operating costs below budget and produced its first profit ahead of schedule.

The bank's 1993 figures showed a 257 per cent jump to 435 million ecus (£330 million) in funds disbursed to Eastern and Central Europe.

The results were the first since Jacques de Larosière took the helm after the ousting of Jacques Attali, the first EBRD president, last summer. In spite of the belt-tightening under M de Larosière, some EBRD governors are expected to raise, at the annual meeting in St Petersburg next month, the question of the cost of the bank's resident board of 23 directors.

After total provisions of 39.7 million ecus, the EBRD showed a net profit of 4.1 million ecus last year, moving into the black for the first time since it was set up in 1991. In 1992, it incurred a net loss of 6 million ecus. Ninety-one new projects were approved last year, up from 51, almost two-thirds in the private sector. Money committed almost doubled, to 1.79 billion ecus.

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B·A·T INDUSTRIES

Earnings per share up 31%

Preliminary results for the year to 31 December 1993

REVENUE	£25,063m	+13%
PRE-TAX PROFIT	£1,809m	+10%
EARNINGS PER SHARE	38.5p	+31%
DIVIDENDS PER SHARE	20.1p	+8%

- The rise in pre-tax profit demonstrates the resilience of our strategy, with a year of exceptional difficulty for tobacco offset by firm recovery in financial services.
- Record financial services trading profit of £913 million from continuing businesses, up 53 per cent, with much improved underwriting results and good progress from life companies.
- Tobacco trading profit fell by 8 per cent to £1,210 million. Sustained drive to reduce costs reflected in £73 million rationalisation programme in 1993. Strategic exchange of brands contributed £138 million.
- Strong balance sheet with Group's net debt/equity ratio down from 55 per cent to 40 per cent.
- "Our goal for the years ahead is to deliver superior total returns to shareholders, based on the profitable opportunities for growth in both financial services and tobacco. The Board remains committed to significant dividend growth, in real terms, as can be seen from the recommended final dividend of 12.2 pence, which gives an increase of 8 per cent for 1993."

Sir Patrick Sheehy, Chairman

Full financial statements for the year ended 31/12/93 will be delivered to the Registrar of Companies and carry an unqualified audit report.
The 1993 Annual Report is being posted to shareholders at the end of March. Copies of the preliminary announcement may be obtained from the Company Secretary, B.A.T Industries p.l.c., Windsor House, 50 Victoria Street, London SW1H 0NL.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Dorrell calls on CBI for investment advice

THE Government yesterday called on the Confederation of British Industry and its members to enter into a dialogue about how best to ensure that savings flow towards the most effective forms of investment in the economy. Stephen Dorrell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, who is leading a Government review, outlined a series of wide-ranging questions which he hopes will form the basis of discussion with industry. He also unveiled a consultative document on new Venture Capital Trusts, announced in the Budget, which form part of the Government's review.

The consultative document on Venture Capital Trusts, designed to channel savings into the unquoted company sector, called for comments on whether these new vehicles would be attractive to investors and would significantly increase the amount of capital available to small firms.

Society bounces back

THE Alliance & Leicester Building Society has bounced back with pre-tax profits up 67 per cent to £205 million last year. The charges for losses and bad debts fell £78 million to £126 million and the number of residential properties taken into possession fell 25 per cent, while the arrears on residential lending fell £30 million. Administrative expenses were down by £12 million to £627 million. The society increased its lending during the second half, making mortgage advances of £1.5 billion during the year. Girobank recorded £75 million pre-tax profits, up 17 per cent.

Guinness Peat soars

GUINNESS Peat Group, the UK financial services group headed by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zealand businessman, boosted pre-tax profits to £27.7 million in 1993 against £7.7 million in the previous 15 months, assisted by the takeover of Brown Shipley, the merchant bank. Sir Ron said trading performance was helped by buoyant market conditions. Earnings were 3.76p a share, up from 1.39p, but there is again no dividend. The company also proposes a one for 10 rights issue at 25p to be followed by a one for 10 bonus issue, including cash issue allotments, raising up to £8.5 million.

Clinton jobs package

PRESIDENT Clinton announced a $13 billion jobs package, emphasising retraining and job placement. The announcement came a few days before the Group of Seven jobs summit in Detroit. The proposal is referred as the Re-employment Act and marks a shift from benefits to facilitating restructuring in the US economy by providing help for workers in dying industries. The Act concentrates on retraining and job placement, with special focus on "rust-belt" industries, the military and industries expected to suffer as from trade liberalisation.

British Land bond

BRITISH Land has raised £150 million in convertible irredeemable bonds at 6 per cent. The conversion price is 530p, compared with 407p for the ordinary shares, and the company may redeem the bonds at par after year seven. The bonds, which have been placed by Swiss Bank Corporation, contain the unusual feature of having no maturity date and can be exchanged after two years, at the option of the company, into irredeemable preference shares and back again to bonds at the same conversion price. Recent property purchases by British Land have exceeded £150 million.

Cupid chief resigns

CUPID, the bridalwear group that earlier this week warned of large losses, revealed last night that Richard Shaw, its chief executive, has resigned with immediate effect. Mr Shaw and the company had agreed that, as part of a corporate restructuring, his skills were no longer needed, said USM-quoted Cupid in a statement. Simon Raynaud, the non-executive chairman, and Stephen Riley, finance director, will split the role of chief executive. Mr Shaw, chief executive for a year, was on a one-year rolling contract, with a last publicly reported salary of £75,000.

Liquidators at MGI

MUNICIPAL General Insurance, a subsidiary of Municipal Mutual Insurance, is in the hands of provisional liquidators, since its assets may be insufficient to meet liabilities. MGI stopped writing new business almost two years ago. At the end of 1992, assets matched liabilities of £280 million but some payments have since been made. Last month, it emerged that claims might increase, mainly because of stop-loss policies provided to Lloyd's names. A review led to the appointment of Gareth Hughes and Nigel Hamilton, of Ernst & Young, as provisional liquidators.

☐ Different words on inflation reveal a real debate ☐ Less ambition at the EBRD ☐ Walt and his bankers talk turkey

High price to throw away the key

WHERE is that inflation monster: safely under lock and key, as the head keeper boasts or, as the number two white hunter would have it, lurking in the woods, ready to pounce on unsuspecting prime ministers suffering from the delusion that Britain has won the war and can safely relax? At one level, it is merely innocent mischief to contrast yesterday's phrases from John Major and Rupert Pennant-Rea. Neither thinks a resurgence of inflation a present danger. They express the different viewpoints of a politician eager to laud his plus points and a central banker anxious to justify his existence.

Yet these different perspectives are important. They underlie each monthly debate between Governor and Chancellor over interest rates — and we shall shortly learn the outcome of the latest. Essentially, that argument is over medium-term priorities. Should the aim of bringing inflation under 2 per cent take precedence? Or should interest rate policy be dictated by the needs of recovery, provided underlying inflation is not going to breach the 4 per cent ceiling?

On the bank's perpective, the priority is to prevent the danger of inflation re-emerging. Hence, interest rate policy should look ahead. Real interest rates should therefore rise slowly and naturally as the economy moves further along the upswing of the economic cycle. Nominal base rates could stay down only to the extent that inflation continues to fall on track. On that thinking, base rates should not at this stage be cut beyond, say, 5 per cent, where the real short-term rate would be about 2½ per cent on the most favourable measure.

The weakness of the Bank's position, however, is that base rates should have been markedly lower during that long period when the economy was bumping along the bottom. In America, they were much lower for a long time, yet as the latest Federal Reserve beige book notes, there is no sign of inflation accelerating although recovery is eighteen months ahead of Britain's and has been noticeably healthier. Looking ahead, the Fed has only thought it necessary to add a quarter point on the Fed funds rate, though that has had a disproportionate impact on financial markets. The discount rate might reasonably rise over the coming months to 4 per cent to match the cycle. If Britain sticks to that line, the best we could hope for on the inflation projections would be a steady 5 per cent base rate for a year or so, which would leave British growth subdued by a higher money interest rate over the cyle.

That might be seen as the price to be paid for high inflation at the end of the Eighties. Politicians and voters might humbly suggest that if accelerating inflation is not on the horizon, whether it is locked up or no, and monetary policy is forward-looking, the jobless should not have to pay that price for ever. If recovery slows, that question will become pressing at those meetings between Treasury and Bank.

Don't lose sight of Eastern promise

TO BE KIND, as almost everyone is inclined to be to sound, solid Jacques de Larosière, 1993 was a year of transition for the European Bank. It has not shaken itself to pieces, as it might had Jacques Attali stayed at the helm: instead, the new regime has understandably concentrated on stability and on getting



costs under tight control. But this is still a bank with a mission to pump out money for investment to help transform the former state economies of central and Eastern Europe. It is not the politically driven institution M. Attali wanted, but nor should it be the bank like any other bank that he feared.

Thus far, the European Bank has yet to justify the high hopes that brought it into existence with a starting capital of nearly £8 billion and many times that in potential lending capacity over its first five years. By the end of 1993, it had approved financing of £2.8 billion, promised £2.1 billion of that, but had lent only £400 million. By contrast, it is already sitting on liquid assets of £3 billion, on which it is earning enough of a turn on interest rates to record an overall profit. Jolly good for a normal bank but no more than a launching pad for this one.

Business takes time to build up. In some countries, the EBRD still faces the original problem that state institutions in its target countries have been collapsing faster than the legal and financial infrastructure for the private sector develops. In many client nations, however, that problem is easing, so the bank's progress should be accelerating rapidly, if unevenly. Yet the new regime does not seem particularly ambitious. Management does not expect to disburse more than £3.4 billion over the next three years.

In part, that is because the former satellite economies of central Europe are re-emerging so fast. The Czech republic, Poland and Hungary, the European Bank's first happy hunting grounds, are now also hunting grounds for multinationals and private funds — as well as other EC and international institutions. There is talk of "saturation". At the same time, some jealousy has developed among the poorer countries, well represented on the EBRD's costly board of national directors, that central Europe is getting too much of the cake. In reality, there is plenty for all if the European Bank can demonstrate that its role is crucial. And it should not shrink from healthy competition. If stability is allowed to deteriorate into premature middle age, the bank's sponsors will lose interest.

Disney's white knuckle ride

EURO DISNEY is becoming more like Eurotunnel every day. With Walt Disney and the banks playing the roles of contractors TML and, yes, the banks. Outside shareholders are cast as Cinderella, cringing as they watch helplessly the confrontations at the brink. In this case, far more than at Eurotunnel, it has been clear from the start that there are potential happy endings should anyone wish to write them in. Barring accidents, Cinderella will go to the ball, if only in rags.

By the chance of timing, the banks were enjoying what now seem unreasonably high interest rates. By design, Walt Disney wrote an outrageous combination of royalty and management fee rake-offs into the original prospectus that would surely not have been accepted by investors had they not been entranced by the fantasy that everyone would earn huge amounts of jam today, tomorrow and forever.

Walt Disney, rapidly writing itself into the role of wicked witch, has still been trying to waive these clauses temporarily rather than scale them right down permanently. This will not do. Euro Disney has turned out to be an ordinary, if rather large, theme park and it needs a much more ordinary capital structure to match. The threat of impending closure and financial wrangling, belying the friendly carefree image the complex seeks to project, have already done much damage to this year's business. Banks and Disney should shake hands as soon as possible, not cling to the negotiators' penchant for a thrilling climax on March 31, or even a bit after. Unless the white knuckle rides are reserved for paying customers inside the park, the negotiators will have less and less to negotiate about.

Standard bank to focus on Far East markets

BY PATRICIA TEHAN
BANKING CORRESPONDENT

STANDARD Chartered, the international banking group, is planning to focus attention on its activities in Asia and the Far East. It will sell less profitable businesses in member countries of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development that are not linked to those regions.

Patrick Gillam, the chairman, said the bank's strategy is to use its bases in Britain and America, and its alliances with First Interstate Bancorp and Westdeutsche Landesbank, to serve its franchises in newly industrialised and emerging markets.

Businesses that are not part of this strategy will be sold, unless they are significant profit earners.

The policy appears to put a "for sale" sign over Chartered Trust, the group's UK car financing arm, though a sale in the short-term is thought unlikely.

Mr Gillam said there are a number of American businesses left over from the bank's previous strategy of trying to be a substantial player in the American market. Mr Gillam yesterday unveiled a 112 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £401 million for 1993.

The bulk of profits came from the Asia-Pacific region, with trading profits of £219 million from Hong Kong operations and £128 million from other Asia-Pacific countries.

Malcolm Williamson, the chief executive, said that Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, Indonesia and Thailand all fared well. The performance of the Japanese business was hit by a provision of just under £20 million relating to a corporate loan.

Standard Chartered gave no further details, but said there could be future litigation. The bad debt charge fell from £364 million to £233 million. Of this, half was in respect of long-standing non-performing loans in Britain. The bad debt figure for Britain was £159 million, up from £123 million. As a result, British operations incurred a trading loss of £20 million, down from £55 million in 1992.

The bank is planning a one-for-four share split to improve marketability of shares. Standard Chartered is also planning to apply for a secondary listing of its shares in Hong Kong and Singapore this year, as much of its business and a large proportion of its assets are in these areas.

Mr Williamson said that one of the objectives for this year was to address the bank's cost base. Management bonuses would be linked to control of costs. He added that part of this would be to centralise back office administration in the bank's regional centres.

JOHN MANNING



Patrick Gillam, left, and Malcolm Williamson look East

Australian boost for O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

INDEPENDENT Newspapers (INP), the Irish media company controlled by Tony O'Reilly that owns 29.9 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, earned record pre-tax profits of Ir£29 million (£27.8 million) last year, up 80 per cent on 1992, despite turnover of Ir£173 million barely moving from the previous year's Ir£170 million.

A sparkling performance from its Australian outdoor advertising and newspaper interests complemented a solid performance from its Irish titles. Earnings per share were Ir30.5p, 57 per cent up on 1992's Ir19.4p.

The figures include an exceptional investment gain on the brief investment in Mirror Group, net interest received rather than paid and earnings from acquisition. Stripping those out, INP recorded operating profits of Ir£27 million, against Ir£22.2 million in 1992. A final dividend of Ir7p is proposed, making a total of Ir11p, up 18 per cent.

INP was optimistic on prospects, expecting to benefit from economic recovery in Britain and Australia and a continued strong performance in Ireland. The balance sheet was strong at the year end with shareholders funds of Ir£185 million and debt of Ir£35 million. The company has spent almost Ir£50 million on acquisitions since its year end.

GLOBAL EXPANSION IN BEVERAGES AND CONFECTIONERY

1993 RESULTS

"The momentum with which we began 1993 has been maintained. Our full year results show significant growth over 1992 in profits, earnings per share and dividends. Underlying growth in earnings per share, after adjusting for structural change and favourable exchange rate movements, was 9.8%.

Sales	£3,724.8m	+	10.4%
Trading Profit	£436.0m	+	17.6%
Pre-Tax Profit	£416.3m	+	25.1%
Earnings per Share	30.59p	+	15.8%
Dividend per Share	14.40p	+	9.1%

A final dividend of 10.80 pence is proposed, up 9.1%, giving a full year dividend of 14.40 pence, an increase of 9.1%, reflecting the Board's confidence in the momentum of the Group worldwide.

We have made substantial progress in implementing our strategy. In beverages, we acquired in the US both A&W Brands, US market leader in root beer, and a substantial shareholding in Dr Pepper / Seven-Up. In confectionery, developments included the acquisition of an 80% interest in Productos Stani in Argentina and greenfield factory developments in Poland and China.

It is early to comment on 1994 trading prospects. Competition remains intense but we expect to show further progress this year. We have a strong base from which to continue our growth."

Dominic Cadbury, Chairman

Cadbury Schweppes

MANAGEMENT PROVEN IN THE MARKET PLACE

Merchant bank thrives

SINGER & Friedlander, the merchant bank, showed a huge profits upturn from £6 million to £34.4 million last year, including an £11.99 million exceptional profit on share sales (Patricia Tehan writes). Profits before tax and exceptionals rose 38.8 per cent to £22.43 million.

In 1992, profits had been depressed by a £10.1 million property writedown. Last year, the company made an exceptional profit of £15.87 million on the sale of holdings in ACT and Burford Group, offset by a £3.88 million writedown of its property portfolio. The dividend for the year rises 15 per cent to 3p a share from 2.6p, with a 1.75p final (1.6p). Earnings were 13.19p a share (0.76p).

Best-ever profit at Morgan Grenfell

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

PROFITS at Morgan Grenfell, the British merchant bank owned by Deutsche Bank, soared to an all-time high last year after a 194 per cent increase to £235.8 million before tax. The figure compares with the bank's past record of £82.2 million set in 1986.

The main engines for the profits growth were treasury operations, where profits doubled, and debt arbitrage and trading business, where profits were five times higher. John Craven, the chairman, said that together the two contributed 30 per cent of gross revenues.

He said: "Every single operation turned in higher profits than the previous year and considerably higher than budget."

Morgan Grenfell Asset Management saw funds under management increase from £20.5 billion to £28.3 billion, with 65 per cent of funds under management deriving from clients outside the UK. Net new business was worth £2.5 billion. Mr Craven said net new business in the first two months of this year has already reached £1.5 billion.

Morgan Grenfell advised on 145 corporate finance transactions worldwide, worth £12 billion, up from £7 billion. The Deutsche link paid off in continental Europe, where it was ranked first by number of cross-border transactions.

Debt arbitrage and trading volumes rose from $68 billion in 1992 to $118 million.

The volatility in currency markets and the trend to lower interest rates across Europe gave the group's treasury business "excellent trading opportunities in the foreign exchange, debt and derivatives markets", the bank said.

Shareholders' funds were £448.4 million after a £100 million dividend paid to Deutsche.

German rate trim fails to put sparkle back into UK shares

NOT even a further softening of German interest rates was enough to revive investor enthusiasm.

Events on world bond markets continued to dominate events, unsettling investors generally. Traders in the futures pit have been making the most of the confusion and this has contributed to some of the volatility seen lately.

The FT-SE 100 index lost an early six-point lead to finish at its low for the day. It ended 17.7 down at 3,246.7, with turnover boosted by several large programme trades. By the close, a total of 730 million shares had changed hands.

Despite the fall in the index, there were still a number of leading shares that finished higher, including BAA, up

STOCK MARKET

12p at 995p, **British Aerospace**, 11p at 519p, **Courtaulds**, 7p at 542p, and **ICI**, 19p at 767p.

Once again, there was talk of a rights issue dogging the market. This time, the spotlight fell on **Barclays**, down 10p at 502p.

Schroders, the merchant bank, was another dull market, falling 45p at £10.63 after losing its place as a constituent of the FT-SE 100 index, along with **Scottish Hydro**, down 6p at 367p, and **Anglian Water**, 8p off at 507p. They will be replaced by **De La Rue**, 6p off at 984p, **Tarmac**, 1½p lighter at 203p, and NFC, 2p easier at 262p.

But it was left up to the long list of blue chip companies reporting to generate any fresh investment interest. **BAT Industries** recovered much of Tuesday's fall, rising 19p to 489p with the help of a jump in full-year pre-tax profits from £1.6 billion to £1.8 billion. There was no sign of the £2.6 billion rights issue, which speculators had talked of to finance the acquisition of Groupe Victoire from Banque Indo-Suez. In fact, BAT went out of its way to deny plans for a rights issue or a bid for the French insurer. The company said the persistent speculation could create a false market in its shares.

Cadbury Schweppes was unchanged at 494p after reporting better than expected full-year figures, showing pre-tax profits up from £332 million to £416 million.

Standard Chartered fell 37p to £11.43 after good figures and a share split. But brokers like Credit Lyonnais Laing appeared unimpressed and were urging clients to take profits last night.

RTZ firmed 5p to 858p in spite of a drop in full-year pre-tax profits from £521 million to £435 million. The group sweetened the pill with a 5 per cent rise in the total dividend.

There was little to cheer for **BICC** shareholders with the price dropping 18p to 436p. Pre-tax profits were up from £63 million to £104 million, although last year's performance was marred by exceptional charges.

A return to the dividend list lifted **James Dickie** 42p to 145p while **Metal Bulletin**, the specialist publisher and information group, jumped 22p to 380p cheered by another strong performance with pre-tax profits 36 per cent ahead at £2.5 million. News of bumper profits and dividend lifted **Bluebird Toys** 99p to 842p. The group has also announced plans for a one-for-four share split.

TI Group was 8p better at 434p as the company received clearance for the Messier-Dowty landing gear joint venture. TI unveils full-year figures today with Warburg Securities, its broker, forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits from £87.4 million to £125 million.

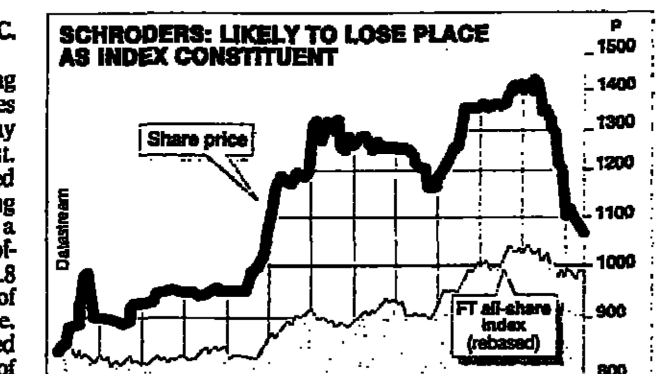
J D Wetherspoon, the pubs chain operator, added 10p to 393p after issuing details of a one-for-four rights issue at 315p to raise £22 million. **Acal** also rose 15p to 281p with plans to raise £10 million via a one-for-three at 315p.

□ **GILT-EDGED** ended with further losses, in spite of trading for much of the day within a narrow range. There was a mixed reception for the cut in the German Repo rate, with prices at the shorter end reacting nervously to calls by the Bank of England for renewed efforts to curb inflation. The June series of the long gilt touched a low of £111½ before settling five ticks lower at £111⅝. In the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent 2012 was £¼ lower at £117¹⁷/₃₂ while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 dipped £⁹/₃₂ to £111²³/₃₂.

□ **NEW YORK:** American blue chips traded lower at midday as bonds continued to set the tone for equities. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 14.91 points to 3,836.81, after sinking to 3,830.05.

MICHAEL CLARK

SCHRODERS: LIKELY TO LOSE PLACE AS INDEX CONSTITUENT



MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND
US $ .... 1.4923 (+0.0045)
German mark .... 2.5477 (-0.0042)
Exchange index .... 81.1 (+0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET
FT-SE 100 .... 3246.7 (-17.7)
Dow Jones .... 3836.81 (-14.91)*
Nikkei Avg .... 19839.18 (-59.21)

INTEREST RATES
London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank .... 5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds 3⅝%*
3-month Treas Bills 3.54-3.53%*
Long Bond 6.87%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4919*	£:$	1.4916
$:DM	1.7075*	£:DM	2.5496
$:SWfr	1.4354*	£:SWfr	2.1419
$:Ffr	5.8108*	£:Ffr	8.6705
$:Yen	106.83*	£:Yen	157.89
£:SDR	1.0665	£:ECU	1.3179

London Forex market close

GOLD
London Fixing ($):
AM 376.25 .... PM 375.30
Close 379.30-379.80
New York:
Comex 379.45-379.95*

OIL
Brent Crude .... $13.20 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES
RPI..141.3 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes midday trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	18.89	17.39
Belgium Fr	55.59	51.19
Canada $	2.124	1.964
Cyprus Cyp£	0.797	0.747
Denmark Kr	10.55	9.75
Finland Mkk	8.95	8.15
France Fr	9.11	8.41
Germany Dm	2.70	2.49
Greece Dr	390.50	365.50
Hong Kong $	12.16	11.16
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2813.00	2458.00
Japan Yen	171.50	154.50
Malta	0.622	0.567
Netherlds Gld	3.008	2.778
Norway Kr	11.84	10.84
Portugal Esc	278.50	255.00
S Africa Rd	5.85	4.95
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	12.49	11.69
Switzerland Fr	2.27	2.09
Turkey Lira	31500.0	29000.0
USA $	1.588	1.458

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Cadbury Schweppes beats forecasts with 25% rise

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

STRONG organic growth in Britain and a first-time contribution from acquired businesses in North America lifted profits at Cadbury Schweppes by 25 per cent, beating even the most optimistic market expectations.

Pre-tax profits rose from £332.7 million to £416.3 million for the year to January 1, on sales up from £3.37 billion to £3.72 billion. This was despite reduced profits from continental Europe and sharp price competition in major markets. Dominic Cadbury, the chairman, said the group was "accelerating into a headwind".

In Britain, a strong performance from the newly restructured chocolate business helped to raise trading profit from £172 million to £195 million. The Coca-Cola and Schweppes Beverages operation gained market share and lifted trading profits, despite a 2 per cent fall in prices. Mr Cadbury said the group was less affected than other brand manufacturers by supermarket own-label products. Own-label accounts for only 4 per cent of the confectionery market, and new distribution channels, including garage forecourts and vending machines, have opened up for beverages and confectionery.

Trading profit in North America jumped from £73 million to £101 million, thanks to the acquisition of A&W Brands, the American market leader in root beer, last September and a full-year contribution from Aguas Minerales, in Mexico. Mr Cadbury said the group was in discussions with Dr Pepper/Seven-Up, in which it raised its stake to 25.9 per cent last August. The talks included board representation and possible bottling agreements in markets such as China and Australia. Profits in Europe fell from £49 million to £45 million, hit mainly by the £19 million cost of restructuring the Spanish beverages operation.

A final dividend of 10.8p (9.9p) brings the total for the year to 14.4p (13.2)p.

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JOHN MANNING



Dominic Cadbury, chairman, said the group was "accelerating into a headwind"

Glynwed powers ahead

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

INCREASING efficiencies powered a 47 per cent profits increase at Glynwed International, the Midlands engineer, in spite of its markets staying flat in 1993.

The shares firmed 16p to 403p, even though the company said progress in the first half of 1994 would continue to hinge more on its own efforts than market improvements.

In 1993, Glynwed's pre-tax profits jumped to £45.5 million, from £30.9 million, on sales up just 6 per cent at £965.8 million.

Glynwed's debt/equity ratio came down from 49.5 per cent to 34.3 per cent, and the interest charge was covered more than five times by trading profits.

Earnings per share rose to 14.91p (9.20p), and a final dividend of 7.5p a share makes an unchanged total dividend of 11.65p. Gareth Davies, the chairman, was particularly pleased that direct exports grew by 17 per cent, which was, he said: "A reward for development work in previous years."

Glynwed's consumer products arm reported profits up to £10.8 million from £8.6 million, in spite of total UK gas cooker sales falling 13 per cent.

WALL STREET

	Mar 9 midday	Mar 8 close
AMP Inc	64¼	64¾
AMR Corp	60¾	61½
Abbott Labs	27⅛	27⅝
Aetna Life	57⅞	58
Ahmanson (HF)	16⅞	16⅞
Air Prod & Chem	46⅞	46½
Albertson's	29	29
Alcan Aluminm	23⅞	23⅞
Alco Standard	56	56⅞
Allied Signal	76½	77⅝
Alum Co of Am	75	74⅞
Amax Gold Inc	7⅛	7
Amerada Hess	45⅞	45⅛
Amer Brands	31⅞	31⅜
Amer Cyanamid	43⅞	44⅜
Amer El Power	33⅞	33⅞
Amer Express	28⅞	29
Amer Genl Corp	26⅜	26⅞
Amer Home Pr	59⅞	59⅞
Amer Intl	83⅞	82⅞
Amer Stores	51⅛	51⅞
Amer T & T	51⅞	51
Ameritech	40⅞	40⅞
Amoco	52	52⅞
Anheuser-Busch	49⅞	50⅞
Apple Computer	36⅞	37
Archer Daniels	24⅞	25⅞
Arkla	7⅞	7⅞
Armco	5⅞	5⅞
Armstrong Wrld	53⅞	53⅞
Asarco	25⅞	25⅞
Ashland Oil	41⅞	42⅛
Atl Richfield	97⅞	97⅞
Auto Data Pro	54⅞	54⅞
Avery Dennison	30⅞	30⅞
Avon Products	56⅞	56⅞
Baker Hughes	18	18
Baltim Gas & El	23⅞	23⅞
Banc One	32⅞	33⅞
BankAmerica	41	41⅞
Bank of NY	51⅞	52
Bankers Tr NY	75⅞	76⅞
Barnett Banks	42⅞	42⅞
Bausch & Lomb	49⅞	49⅞
Baxter Intl	22⅞	22⅞
Becton Dicknsn	37⅞	37⅞
Bell Atlantic	53⅞	53⅞
BellSouth	55⅞	55⅞
Black & Decker	20⅞	20
Block (H&R)	48⅞	47⅞
Boeing	46⅞	47⅞
Boise Cascade	26⅞	26⅞
Borden Inc	15	14⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	54⅞	54⅞
Browning Ferris	28⅞	29
Brunswick	22⅞	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	64⅞	64⅞
CBS	297⅞	298⅞
CNA Financial	68⅞	68⅞
CPC Intl	47⅞	47⅞
CSX	89⅞	89⅞
Campbell Soup	39⅞	39⅞
Can Pacific	16⅞	16⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	672	673⅞
Cptl Holdings	34	34⅞
Carolina Pwr	27⅞	28⅞
Caterpillar	114⅞	114⅞
Central & SW	26⅞	27⅞
Champion Intl	29⅞	30⅞
Chase Manhat	31⅞	32
Chemical Bk	35⅞	36⅞
Chevron Corp	87⅞	87⅞
Chrysler	60	59⅞
Chubb Corp	72⅞	72⅞
Cigna Corp	63	62⅞
Citicorp	38⅞	39⅞
Clorox	53⅞	53⅞
Coastal Corp	31	31⅞
Coca Cola	40⅞	41
Colgate-Palmolive	64⅞	64⅞
Columbia Gas	28⅞	28
Commonw Ed	27	27⅞
Compaq Comp	101	100⅞
Comp Ass Intl	36⅞	36⅞
Conagra	27⅞	27⅞
Cons Edison	30⅞	30⅞
Cons Nat Gas	42⅞	42⅞
Cons Rail	62⅞	62⅞
Cooper Inds	37⅞	38⅞
Corning Inc	31	30⅞
Crown Cork	37⅞	37⅞
Dana Corp	57⅞	56⅞
Dayton Hudson	75	75⅞
Deere	87	88
Delta Air Lines	47⅞	47⅞
Deluxe Corp	33⅞	33
Detroit Edison	28⅞	28⅞
Digital Equip	30⅞	31
Dillard Dept St	34⅞	34⅞
Disney (Walt)	46⅞	46⅞
Dominion Res	41⅞	41⅞
Donnelley (RR)	31⅞	31⅞
Dover Corp	61⅞	61⅞
Dow Chemical	65	65⅞
Dow Jones	40⅞	40⅞
Dresser	22⅞	23⅞
Duke Power	38⅞	39⅞
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅞	60⅞
Du Pont	53	52⅞
Eastman Kodak	44⅞	45

	Mar 9 midday	Mar 8 close
Eaton Corp	58⅜	58
Emerson Elec	62⅝	61
Engelhard Corp	29⅞	30⅛
Enron Corp	31⅛	32¼
Entergy	33⅞	33⅜
Ethyl Corp	17⅛	17⅛
Exxon	65⅝	65⅝
FMC Corp	48⅛	48⅛
FPL Group	34⅛	34⅛
Federal Express	69⅝	70
Fed Nat Mtge	80⅝	82¼
First Chicago	45⅛	46⅛
First Interstate	67⅛	67⅛
First Union Rlty	7⅛	7⅛
Fleet Finl Grp	35⅛	34⅛
Fluor Corp	49⅝	51
Ford Motor	64⅛	63⅜
GTE Corp	31⅜	31⅜
Gannett	52⅛	53⅝
Gap Inc Del	46⅜	46⅛
Gen Dynamics	91⅛	92
Gen Electric	104⅝	105
Gen Mills	54	54⅝
Gen Motors	62⅛	62
Gen Reinsurance	104⅜	103⅜
Gen Signal	36⅝	36⅜
Genuine Parts	37⅛	37⅛
Georgia Pac	69⅞	71⅛
Gillette	63⅛	64
Glaxo ADR	20⅝	20⅛
Goodrich (BF)	43⅜	42⅝
Goodyear Tire	44⅜	44
Grace (W&R)	44⅜	43⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	29⅝	30⅛
Great Wstn Fin	17⅝	16⅛
Halliburton	29⅛	29⅛
Harcourt General	35⅜	35⅝
Heinz (HJ)	31	31⅜
Hercules	113⅛	113⅛
Hershey Foods	49⅛	49⅛
Hewlett Packard	88⅛	89
Hilton Hotels	65⅛	69⅛
Home Depot	42⅛	42⅛
Homestake Mng	19⅛	19⅛
Honeywell	34⅛	34⅛
Household Intl	32⅝	33
Houston Inds	40	40⅝
Humana	20⅛	20⅝
ITT Corp	90⅜	87⅛
Illinois Tool	43⅝	43⅛
INCO	24⅛	25⅛
Ingersoll Rand	38⅝	39
Inland Steel	34⅝	34⅛
Intel Corp	71⅛	70⅛
IBM	55	54⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	37⅛	37
Intl Paper	72⅛	74⅛
James River Va	18⅜	18⅝
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39⅝	39⅛
Kellogg	48	49⅛
Kerr-McGee	43⅜	43⅜
Kimberly-Clark	55	54⅝
Kmart	18⅝	18⅛
Knight-Ridder	58⅛	58⅛
Lilly (Eli)	53⅛	53⅝
Limited Inc	19⅝	19⅝
LIN Brdcstng	112⅛	112⅛
Lincoln Nat	41⅜	40⅝
Litton	69⅝	70⅛
Liz Claiborne	23⅛	21⅛
Lockheed Corp	65⅛	65⅛
Louisiana Pac	42⅛	42⅜
MCI Commun	25	25⅜
Marriott Int	29⅜	29⅛
Marsh & McLnn	81⅛	82⅛
Masco Corp	34⅜	35⅜
May Dept St	41⅛	42⅛
Maytag Corp	18⅛	18⅜
McCaw Cellular	49⅜	49⅛
McDonalds	61⅜	61⅜
McDonnell D	116⅜	118
McGraw Hill	71⅜	71
Mead Corp	42⅛	42⅛
Medtronic	79	79⅛
Mellon Bk	54⅛	54⅛
Melville Corp	37⅝	37⅛
Merck Inc	31⅜	31⅜
Merrill Lynch	40⅛	40⅜
Minnesota Mine	105⅛	104⅛
Mobil Corp	77⅛	77⅛
Monsanto	75⅝	75⅜
Morgan (JP)	64⅛	65
Motorola Inc	107⅛	106⅛
Natl Medical	16⅜	16⅛
Natl Semi	23⅝	23⅜
Natl Service Ind	27⅜	27⅜
Navistar Int	24⅛	24⅝
NBD Bancorp	29⅛	29⅜
NY Times A	27⅝	28
Newmont Mng	51⅜	51⅜
Niag Mohawk	19⅛	19⅜
Nike B	53⅜	54⅛
NL Industries	8⅛	8⅜
Nordstrom	39⅝	39⅛
Norfolk Sthn	67⅛	68⅜
Nthn State Pwr	42⅜	42⅛
Norwest Corp	23	23
Nynex Corp	37	37⅛
Occidental Pet	16⅛	17⅜
Ohio Edison	20⅝	20⅜

	Mar 9 midday	Mar 8 close
Oracle Systems	34⅛	34⅞
Oryx Energy Co	17	17
Owens Corning	37⅝	38⅛
PNC Financial	30⅛	30⅛
PPG Industries	74⅜	74⅛
Paccar Inc	57⅜	57⅛
Pacificorp	18⅝	18⅝
Pac Enterprises	21⅛	21⅜
Pac Gas & Elect	31	32⅜
Pac Telesis	54⅛	55
Pall Corp	17⅜	17⅛
Panhandle East	21⅜	22
Parker Hannifin	39⅛	39⅜
Peco Energy	27⅝	27⅛
Penney (JC)	56⅝	57⅛
Pennzoil	53⅝	53⅛
Pepsico	36⅛	37
Pfizer	56⅛	57⅛
Phelps Dodge	55⅜	56
Philip Morris	55⅜	56
Phillips Pet	26⅛	26⅛
Pitney Bowes	45⅜	44⅛
Polaroid	31	31⅜
PriceCostco	20	20⅛
Procter & Gmbl	56⅛	57⅛
Pub Serv E & G	29⅝	30
Quaker Oats	65⅛	65⅛
Ralston Purina	41⅛	42⅛
Raychem Corp	36⅝	36⅝
Raytheon	64⅛	64
Reebok Intl	31⅛	31⅛
Reynolds Metals	52⅛	53
Roadway Srvcs	71	71
Rockwell Intl	40⅛	40⅛
Rohm & Haas	58	57⅛
Royal Dutch	105⅜	105⅜
Rubbermaid	29⅛	29⅛
Safeco Corp	56⅛	56⅝
St Paul's Cos	79⅛	79
Salomon Inc	52⅝	52⅛
Santa Fe Pac	24⅛	25⅛
Sara Lee Corp	22⅝	22⅛
Secorp	17⅛	17⅝
Schering Plough	58⅝	58⅝
Schlumberger	56⅛	56⅝
Scott Paper	45⅜	45⅛
Seagram	27⅛	27⅛
Sears Roebuck	48⅝	49⅛
Shell Trans	62⅛	62⅛
Sherwin Wlms	32⅝	32⅛
Skyline Corp	20⅝	20⅛
Snap-On-Tools	42⅛	43⅝
Southern Co	20⅝	20⅝
Sthwestern Bell	39	39
Sprint Corp	36⅛	36⅛
Stanley Works	41⅛	41⅜
Sun Company	34⅛	34⅜
Sun Microsys	27⅛	27⅝
Suntrust	45⅛	45⅝
Supervalu	34⅛	35⅛
Syntex Corp	15⅛	15⅛
Sysco Corp	27	27
TRW Inc	73⅛	73⅛
Tandem Comp	14⅛	14⅝
Tandy Corp	43⅝	42⅝
Telecom Corp	3⅛	3⅛
Teledyne	19⅛	20⅛
Temple Inland	49⅝	49⅝
Tenneco	57	57⅛
Texaco	65⅜	65⅝
Texas Instr	83⅜	82⅝
Texas Utilities	38	38⅛
Textron	56⅝	56⅝
Time Warner	37⅜	37⅛
Times-Mirror	34⅜	34⅛
Timken	35⅝	35⅝
Torchmark	42	42⅜
Toys R Us	38	35⅛
Transamerica	52	52⅛
Travelers	35⅜	35
Tribune	56⅝	57⅛
Tyco Labs	54⅜	54⅜
UAL Corp	127⅜	128
UST Inc	27⅛	27⅜
USX Marathon	16⅝	16⅜
Unilever NV	109⅝	110⅝
Union Camp	47⅛	47⅜
Union Carbide	24	23⅛
Union Pacific	59⅝	60⅝
Unisys Corp	14⅜	14⅜
USAIR Group	9⅛	9⅜
USF&G Corp	14⅜	14⅜
US Life	38⅛	38⅛
US West	40⅝	40⅝
United Tech	68⅝	68⅛
Unocal Corp	26⅛	26⅛
Upjohn	27⅜	27⅜
VF Corp	49⅝	49⅛
WMX Tech	25	25
Wal-Mart Stores	28⅛	28⅛
Warner-Lambert	62⅛	63⅛
Wells Fargo	135⅜	135⅛
Westinghouse El	13⅜	13⅜
Weyerhaeuser	48⅝	48⅛
Whirlpool	69	69⅝
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	53⅛	53⅜
Woolworth	20⅛	20⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	50⅝	50
Xerox	99⅛	99⅛

RECENT ISSUES

Abtrust New Dawn C	246	...
Alpha Airports (140)	174	...
Care UK Wts	5	...
Cedardata (105)	108	-6
Chiroscience (150)	149	...
Clinical Computing (124)	148	-2
Computerised Fin (90)	143	...
Edinburgh New Tiger (50)	49	...
Energy Capital (50)	58	...
Energy Capital Wts	28	...
Finelist (130)	147	...
Fleming Japan C	100½	-1
Goldsborough Hlth (170)	169	...
Graham Group (183)	201½	-½
Guangdong Dvlpt	70	-½
Guangdong Dvlpt Wts	27¼	...
Herald Inv Tst (100)	103	...
Herald Inv Wts	51	+1
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	41½	...
K'wort Euro Pt Wts	38	...
Mithras Inv Tst (50)	51½	...
Mithras Inv Wts	26	...
Parkside Intl (110)	118	...
Ptarmigan Intl C	198	...
Radstone Tech (125)	127	-1
Saracen Value (100)	95	...
Saracen Value Wts	39	...
Taiwan Inv (100)	93	...
Taiwan Inv Wts	42	...
Trifast (200)	208	-1
Tring Intl (118)	130	...
United Carriers (153)	159	-1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Beauford n/p (20)	6	+1
Burford n/p (92)	13	...
Care UK n/p (4¼)	3	...
Conrad Ritblat n/p (42)	5	-1
Creston Land n/p (15)	3	...
Firth (GM) n/p (12)	12	-1
Grosvenor Inns n/p (130)	40	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:
JD Wetherspoon .... 393p (+10p)
ADT .... 705p (+12p)
ICI .... 767p (+18p)
Wholesale Ftgs .... 335p (+12p)
Glynwed .... 399p (+12p)
British Aerospace .... 519p (+11p)
Metal Bulletin .... 380p (+22p)
Thomson Corp .... 875p (+40p)

FALLS:
Barclays .... 502p (-10p)
Close Bros .... 555p (-13p)
Reed Intl .... 903p (-14p)
Bemrose .... 459p (-11p)
Hambros .... 363p (-14p)
Securicor 'A' .... 940p (-13p)
Bletchley Motor .... 393p (-10p)
EMAP .... 426p (-10p)
Kleinwort Benson .... 529p (-13p)
Lloyds .... 567p (-14p)
Nat West .... 467p (-17p)
SG Warburg .... 799p (-25p)
BICC .... 438p (-16p)
Vodafone .... 594p (-12p)
Chemring .... 334p (-11p)
Powerscreen .... 277p (-15p)

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FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	14,000	Cadbury	3,100	MEPC	811	Scot Power	5,400
Abbey Natl	3,400	Caradon	3,000	Marks Spr	4,700	Sears	3,900
Alld-Lyons	3,200	Carlton Cms	623	NFC	3,800	Svrn Trent	747
Anglian W	1,000	Coats Vyla	4,000	NatWst Bk	8,600	Shell Trans	3,000
Argyll Gp	9,200	Cm Union	956	Nat Power	3,400	Siebe	1,600
Arjo Wiggn	1,200	Courtaulds	953	Nth Wst W	2,600	SmKl Bch	2,500
AB Foods	117	Enterpr Oil	2,300	Nthrn Fds	2,800	Smith Nph	4,700
BAA	649	Forte	5,400	P & O	1,000	Southern Elec	689
BAT Inds	10,000	GRE	5,100	Pearson	607	Std Chartd	4,700
BOC	885	GUS	1,700	PowerGen	1,500	Sun Allnce	1,200
BP	11,000	Gen Acc	1,100	Prudential	7,000	TI Gp	1,300
BTR	6,900	Gen Elec	2,900	RMC	881	TSB	5,600
BT	4,500	Glaxo	6,600	RTZ	3,500	Tesco	3,400
Bk of Scot	1,400	Granada	1,700	Rank Org	1,300	Thames W	1,000
Barclays	5,900	Grand Met	4,200	Reckitt Col	936	Thrn EMI	1,600
Bass	1,600	Guinness	5,200	Redland	1,900	Tomkins	1,700
Blue Circle	2,600	HSBC	1,900	Reed Intl	1,600	Unilever	1,800
Boots	1,500	Hanson	5,600	Rentokil	1,500	Utd Bisc	742
Bowater	810	ICI	3,900	Reuters	721	Vodafone	1,400
Brit Aero	2,600	Inchcape	1,300	Rolls Royce	9,300	Warburg (SG)	648
Brit Airwys	4,600	Kingfisher	905	Ryl Ins	3,100	Wellcome	1,500
Brit Gas	9,200	Ladbroke	5,200	Ryl Bk Scot	1,500	Whitbread	575
Brit Steel	6,100	Land Secs	1,700	Sainsbury	4,800	Wlms Hld	2,600
Burmah Cast	145	Legal & Gn	751	Schroders	41	Wolseley	388
Cable Wire	3,600	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Scot & New	554	Zeneca	1,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3836.81 (-14.91)
S&P Composite .... 464.26 (-1.62)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19839.18 (-59.21)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10224.38 (-70.20)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 420.75 (-2.27)

Sydney: AO .... 2146.8 (-24.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2116.09 (-7.95)

FT 30 share: .... 2552.5 (-6.0)

Brussels:
General .... 7688.83 (+8.95)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2199.64 (-16.79)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 698.60 (-7.10)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1640.68 (-7.52)
FT Non Financials .... 1768.46 (-5.12)
FT Gold Mines .... 205.0 (+0.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 123.17 (-0.39)
FT Govt Secs .... 100.97 (-0.37)
Bargains 31485
SEAQ Volume 730.2m
USM (Datastrm) .... 167.00 (-0.81)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
March 7	March 18	June 16	June 27

Call options were taken out on 9/3/94: Avesco, Bass, BAT, Caverdale, Cupid, FNFC, Flagstone, Lucas Wts, Ovoca Res, Saatchi & Saatchi, Sunleigh, Tullow Oil, Wilshaw, Wilton. Puts: Eurotunnel, Ovoca Res, Tullow Oil.
Puts & Calls: Cons Murchison, Glaxo, Tiphook.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3255.0	3262.0	3232.0	3237.0	15984
Previous open interest: 74749	Jun 94	3267.0	3271.0	3246.0	3247.5	2768
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.86	94.87	94.84	94.85	5108
Previous open interest: 445815	Jun 94	94.90	94.91	94.87	94.87	13117
	Sep 94	94.78	94.79	94.76	94.76	5471
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.12	96.12	96.10	96.10	367
Previous open interest: 14318	Jun 94	95.65	95.65	95.65	95.59	23
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.14	94.18	94.13	94.14	24419
Previous open interest: 982810	Jun 94	94.52	94.54	94.49	94.51	44009
Long Gilt	Mar 94	112-23	112-31	112-20	112-18	1037
Previous open interest: 159343	Jun 94	111-25	112-08	111-15	111-20	72313
Japanese Govmt Bond	Jun 94	110.35	110.38	110.08	110.12	1967
	Sep 94				109.00	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Jun 94	96.44	96.76	96.19	96.35	177825
Previous open interest: 213358	Sep 94	96.13	96.41	96.11	96.16	273
German Gov Bd Bobl	Jun 94	100.69	100.87	100.60	100.60	2171
Previous open interest: 2524	Sep 94					0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.72	93.72	93.70	93.71	399
Previous open interest: 39502	Jun 94	94.10	94.10	94.06	94.08	758
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.94	95.95	95.92	95.93	1164
Previous open interest: 60720	Jun 94	96.19	96.22	96.16	96.18	2643
Italian Govmt Bond	Jun 94	111.40	111.82	110.92	111.07	55667
Previous open interest: 96488	Sep 94	110.85	111.25	110.70	110.57	5

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 81.1 (day's range 81.0-81.1).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for March 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8570-2.8656	2.8621-2.8656	par-¼ds	par-¼ds
Brussels	52.39-52.57	52.39-52.50	3-7ds	9-15ds
Copenhagen	9.9410-9.9700	9.9480-9.9630	⅜-1⅜ds	1½-3¼ds
Dublin	1.0415-1.0450	1.0418-1.0448	7-11ds	27-32ds
Frankfurt	2.5440-2.5512	2.5479-2.5512	⅛-¼ds	⅝-⅞ds
Lisbon	261.83-263.69	261.83-262.47	101-110ds	293-311ds
Madrid	209.77-210.62	209.79-210.09	56-63ds	169-188ds
Milan	2514.60-2522.40	2517.40-2521.40	6-8ds	19-21ds
Montreal	2.0149-2.0215	2.0149-2.0178	0.27-0.23pr	0.47-0.41pr
New York	1.4900-1.4921	1.4911-1.4921	0.20-0.19pr	0.48-0.46pr
Oslo	11.0460-11.0700	11.0460-11.0620	⅝-⅜pr	1-⅜pr
Paris	8.6520-8.6780	8.6630-8.6780	⅞-1⅛ds	2⅝-2⅞ds
Stockholm	11.9160-11.9470	11.9230-11.9470	1¼-2⅝ds	5-6⅜ds
Tokyo	156.37-158.02	157.75-158.02	⅝-½pr	1½-1pr
Vienna	17.90-17.95	17.90-17.94	⅛-1ds	⅝-2⅛ds
Zurich	2.1374-2.1435	2.1404-2.1434	¼-⅛pr	⅝-⅜pr

Source: Extel   Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4875-1.4901
Australia dollar	2.0860-2.0904
Bahrain dinar	0.555-0.567
Brazil cruzeiro *	1041.67-1043.58
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland markka	8.212-8.328
Greece drachma	365.75-372.75
Hong Kong dollar	11.5170-11.5264
India rupee	46.23-47.19
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4385-0.4485
Malaysia ringgit	4.0526-4.0584
Mexico peso	4.77-4.87
New Zealand dollar	2.5953-2.6017
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.517-5.643
Singapore dollar	2.3609-2.3641
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7537-6.8031
S Africa rand (com)	5.1734-5.1814
U A E dirham	5.403-5.527

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3996-1.4015
Austria	12.02-12.03
Belgium (Com)	35.20-35.24
Canada	1.3535-1.3545
Denmark	6.674-6.684
France	5.8117-5.8167
Germany	1.7093-1.7103
Hong Kong	7.727-7.728
Ireland	1.4275-1.4305
Italy	1687.1-1688.6
Japan	105.65-105.75
Malaysia	2.719-2.721
Netherlands	1.9198-1.9208
Norway	7.412-7.422
Portugal	175.9-176.1
Singapore	1.584-1.585
Spain	140.75-140.85
Sweden	7.995-8.005
Switzerland	1.4358-1.4368

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5¼ Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 4²⁹⁄₃₂ : 3 mth 4⅞ . Sell: 2 mth 4²⁷⁄₃₂ : 3 mth 4²⁷⁄₃₂ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4²⁹⁄₃₂-4²⁷⁄₃₂	4²⁹⁄₃₂-4²⁷⁄₃₂	4⅞-4²⁷⁄₃₂	4⅞-4²⁷⁄₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆-5⅛	5¼-5⅛
Interbank:	5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆	5¼-5³⁄₁₆	5⅜-5¼

Overnight: open 5⅛, close 5¼ .

Local Authority Deps:	5¼	n/a	5³⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆	5⅜
Sterling CDs:	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5⅛-5	5¼-5	5⅜-5¼
Dollar CDs:	3.55-3.53	n/a	3.74-3.71	4.07-4.04	4.53-4.50
Building Society CDs:	5¹⁄₁₆-5⅛	5⅛-5¹⁄₁₆	5³⁄₁₆-5¹⁄₁₆	5⁵⁄₁₆-5³⁄₁₆	5⅜-5¼

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Feb 28, 1994 Agreed rates Mar 26, 1994 to Apr 25, 1994 Schemes III: 6.30%. Reference rate Feb 1, 1994 to Feb 28, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.265%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅜-2⅞	3⅜-3¼	3⅝-3½	4⅛-3⅞	3⅜-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅛-5⅞	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	5⅞-5¾	5¹¹⁄₁₆-5⁹⁄₁₆	6⅛-5⅞
French Franc:	6¾-6⅝	6⅝-6½	6⅛-6	6¹⁄₁₆-5¹⁵⁄₁₆	6⅝-5⅞
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4-3⅞	4⅝-3⅞
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅜-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-1⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $375.80-376.20 Close: $379.30-379.80 High: $379.30-379.80 Low: $374.80-375.30 Krugerrand: $378.00-381.00 (£253.25-255.25)
Sovereigns: Old $89.00-91.00 (£59.00-61.00) New $89.00-91.00 (£59.00-61.00)
Platinum: $391.75 (£262.75) Silver: $5.31 (£3.555) Palladium: $131.25 (£88.05)

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Alld Lyon	600	38½	50	59	8½	25½	32½
(*626)	650	12	24½	35	33½	54	60
Argyll	240	23	30	35½	6	15	19½
(*255)	260	11	19	25½	15	26	30
ASDA	60	5½	8½	11	3½	6	8
(*61½)	70	2	5	6½	10½	12½	14½
Boots	500	47½	58	65	4½	15½	19½
(*539½)	550	14½	27½	36½	23½	38½	43
Br Airways	390	37½	46	53	5½	14½	21
(*419)	420	17	28½	37	15½	30½	35½
BP	360	17	27	34	10	19	24
(*364)	390	5	13½	20½	30	36	41
Br Steel	140	8	14	17½	7	12	15
(*140½)	160	2	6	9½	21	25	27½
C & W	475	21½	38½	—	13½	29	—
(*477½)	500	12	27	35½	32	45	51
CU	550	57½	72	77½	3	9½	17
(*596½)	600	21	39½	46	18	28½	37½
ICI	700	52½	65	73	8½	22½	33½
(*748½)	750	17½	37	47	33½	47	59½
Kingfshr	600	32½	46½	57½	16½	35	44½
(*611½)	650	11½	25	36	49	65	73½
Land Sec	700	22½	33	42	14½	33½	37
(*704½)	750	6	13	21½	49	68	70½
M & S	420	17	26	33	10½	21½	24
(*423½)	460	4	11	16½	38	47	48½
Nat West	460	39	53½	60½	8	17	24
(*486½)	500	16½	31	41	26½	35	43½
Sainsbury	360	19½	28½	36½	11½	24	29½
(*366½)	390	7	15½	24	29½	42½	47
Shell	650	52½	59	66½	5	14	22
(*699½)	700	12½	30	37½	26	35½	46
Smkl Bch	390	23	36½	46	13	25½	32½
(*396½)	420	10½	23½	32½	31	43	50
Storehse	220	12	19½	24½	6½	16½	16½
(*223½)	240	4	10½	15½	19½	26½	28½
Trafalgar	106	8½	14	—	6½	11½	—
(*106)	115	5	11	—	13	17½	—
Unilever	1100	29½	52½	69	31½	42½	56½
(*1107½)	1150	9½	31	46½	70½	75½	87
Zeneca	750	19	41	54	34	47	60½
(*752)	800	5½	22½	34	73½	81	92
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Grnd Met	460	31½	44½	54	12½	21	26½
(*476)	500	12½	24½	34½	34	42½	48
Ladbroke	180	22½	29½	33½	4½	8½	14½
(*197)	200	10½	18	23	13½	18	25
Utd Bisc	330	17½	27	31	15	21½	27
(*338½)	360	5½	14½	18½	38	41½	46

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
BAA	950	54½	72	91	11½	30	38
(*984)	1000	25	44½	63½	33½	52	62
Thames W	500	43	49	54½	5	18	22
(*532)	550	12	20	27½	26½	46	50
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
BAT Ind	460	26	34½	42½	20½	29	37
(*470½)	500	10½	18½	26½	50½	56	63
BTR	360	21	31	36	14	19	27
(*371½)	390	8½	17½	23	32½	37	44½
Br Aero	500	45	65	81½	29	45½	58
(*508)	550	26	43	60	66	74½	86
Br Telecm	420	27½	36½	42	7½	17½	23
(*435½)	460	8	16½	23	30	39½	45
Cadbury	493	—	—	—	25	—	—
(*494½)	542	4½	—	—	63	—	—
Guinness	500	31	44½	57	21½	31	38½
(*515)	550	9½	23	34½	54½	61½	68
GEC	300	23	27½	32	6½	13½	17
(*313)	330	7	12	17½	22½	31	34
Hanson	260	17	21	25½	6	10½	14
(*269)	280	7	11½	16	16½	21	24½
LASMO	120	15½	21½	25½	8	13	16
(*127)	130	10	16½	20½	13½	17	21
Lucas	200	22½	29½	33½	5½	10½	16
(*216½)	220	9½	17½	23	15	20½	26
Pilkngtn	180	19	25	29	5	10½	12½
(*192½)	200	8½	14½	18½	15	20½	22½
Prudential	300	20½	35	39½	7	11½	17
(*329)	330	10½	18½	24½	25	29	32½
Redland	550	30	41½	51½	26½	35	50
(*562½)	600	9	21	31	63	68½	80½
Royal Ins	280	20½	28½	35½	18	21½	27
(*282½)	300	11½	19	26½	27	32½	37½
Tesco	220	18½	24½	30	9	13½	18
(*231)	240	7½	15	21	21½	25	29
Vodafone	600	37½	58	76½	25½	43	53½
(*607½)	650	17	36	54	56	71½	81½
Williams	390	29	35½	42	11	17½	24½
(*409)	420	12	21	28	28	34	40

FT-SE INDEX (*3270)

	3150	3200	3250	3300	3350	3400
Calls						
Mar	120	70	38	18	7	2½
Apr	137	102	74	51	34	21
May	165	134	105	81	60	44
Jun	182	152	124	100	80	62
Dec	—	245	—	189	—	145
Puts						
Mar	10	20	40	71	111	156
Apr	40	55	77	104	136	174
May	60	79	100	127	155	190
Jun	75	95	116	142	171	204
Dec	—	161	—	205	—	259

	Series	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Puts Mar	Puts Jun	Puts Sep
Abby Nat	460	33	37½	49	4	14½	22
(*489½)	500	3½	17	29½	26½	35½	42½
Amstrad	35	3½	6	8	1½	3½	4½
(*37½)	40	1½	3½	5½	4	6	7½
Barclays	500	22	36	48½	16	28	36
(*513½)	550	4½	18	30½	51	56½	66
Blue Circ	330	30½	37	47½	2	11	18
(*356½)	360	8½	20½	32	11	26	33½
Br Gas	300	16	22½	26½	2½	12	15
(*313)	330	2	7½	13	20	29	33
Dixons	200	11	20	25	4½	11	18½
(*206)	220	2½	11½	16	17	22	30
Forte	260	13	19½	28	3½	15	20½
(*268)	280	3½	11	19	15	27	31½
Hillsdwn	160	19	21	24½	1	6½	8½
(*176½)	180	4½	8½	14½	8	17½	19½
Lonrho	140	19½	26½	32	1½	7	12½
(*157)	160	5½	16	22½	8	16	22½
Sears	110	11	13½	17	1	4	5½
(*119)	120	3½	7	9½	4	8½	11
Thrn Emi	1100	35	68	87½	11½	34	61
(*1121½)	1150	9½	43	61	38	59½	87
Tomkins	240	19½	26½	32½	2	7½	13
(*256½)	260	5	14	21½	8½	16	23
TSB	240	12	21½	30	4	11½	17½
(*246)	260	4	12½	20½	16½	23	29
Wellcome	600	52½	70	91½	3½	22½	34½
(*645½)	650	17	43	64½	21	49½	59
	Series	Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	49	73½	86½	15	31	50
(*679)	700	21½	48½	60	39½	56½	75½
HSBC	850	52	96½	114½	44½	77	90
(*879½)	900	32	73	91	74½	103	115½
Reuter	2100	69½	133	178	77	139½	148½
(*2106½)	2150	49	108½	152	109½	155½	173½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
R-Royce	160	21½	26½	30	4½	8	12½
(*177)	180	9	15	19½	13	17½	21½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	130	6½	14	21	6	13	17½
(*130)	140	3	10½	16½	13	19½	23½
	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Eastrn Elc	600	57	69	75	7	20½	28
(*643)	650	25	39½	47	27	45	51½
	Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	17½	32	40	6½	20½	29
(*489½)	500	2	13½	24	32	42½	51
Scot Pwr	390	13	27	35	7	17	27½
(*394½)	420	2½	14	22	28½	34½	45

March 9, 1994 Tot: 30549 Call: 13848 Put: 16701 FT-SE Call: 4948 Put: 7913
*Underlying security price.

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: LCE coffee showed little reaction to the news that Robusta coffee producers are now retaining only 10% under the ACPC retention scheme. The move has occurred because the Robusta coffee price indicator has moved above the 60 cent/lb level. Essentially the indicator price is a historic reflection of the level of demand, and a lower level of retention just shows how much the markets have tightened recently.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	906-903	May	987-984
May	923-922	Jul	994-990
Jul	934-933	Sep	1008-1000
Sep	946-945	Dec	1018-1005
Dec	959-958		
Mar	975-974		Volume: 2458

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1250-1249	Nov	1255-1251
May	1260-1259	Jan	1256-1250
Jul	1256-1254	Mar	1254-1250
Sep	1255-1253		Volume: 2968

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR ($.00pm)

		Jan	11.40-12.05
Spot: 285.60		Mar	11.15-12.20
May	11.90-12.05	May	10.95-12.40
Jul	12.35-12.45	Jul	10.75-12.70
Sep	11.65-11.90		Volume: 1

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	301.5-00.1
Spot: 337.0		Mar	300.0-98.5
May	332.5-31.7	May	301.9-99.5
Aug	326.0-25.5	Aug	305.9-02.5
Oct	304.0-03.5		Volume: 958

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on March 9

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	82.97	124.29	126.66
(+/-)	+2.01	+4.22	+2.69
Eng/Wales:	83.08	123.75	125.94
(+/-)	+2.08	+3.74	+2.51
(%)	-5.8	-16.6	-19.6
Scotland:	65.73	125.26	129.42
(+/-)	-5.90	+4.98	+3.00
(%)	+33.3	-56.0	-4.5

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	—	Mar	unq	—
Sep	unq	—			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	103.25
May	105.15
Jun	105.60
Sep	91.40
Nov	92.60
	Volume: 426

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	104.00
May	104.75
Sep	92.50
Nov	94.40
Jan	96.00
	Volume: 30

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	
Dec	
Feb	
Apr	
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	152.0	169.0
May	168.0	188.3
Nov	unq	80.0
		Volume: 1020

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Clf (p/k)
Apr 67.75-68.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Following Tuesday night's product drawdown, levels recovered earlier losses.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.30	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.40	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.20	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	14.20	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (May)	14.30	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	147 (n/c)	149 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	138 (+1)	140 (+1)
Non EEC IH Mar	140 (n/c)	142 (+1)
Non EEC IH Apr	140 (+1)	142 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	79 (n/c)	82 (n/c)
Naphtha	130 (-2)	132 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Mar	137.25-37.50	Jun	136.25-36.75
Apr	136.25-36.50	Jul	137.75-38.00
May	135.50-35.75	Aug	139.50-40.25
			Vol: 19500

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	13.19-13.20	Jul	13.42-13.44
May	13.17-13.18	Aug	13.58-13.60
Jun	13.27-13.29		Vol: 30854

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	136.50-40.00	Jun	unq
Apr	144.00-45.00	Jul	unq
May	149.50 SLR		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Mar 94	1155	1155	1158
Apr 94	1230	1220	1225
May 94	1228	1215	1228
Jul 94	1115	1115	1124

Vol: 144 lots. Open int'st: 2624 Index 1115 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1889.5-1890.0	1910.0-1910.5	1369825
Lead ($/tonne)	439.00-439.50	453.50-454.00	330800
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	918.50-919.00	935.50-936.00	379900
Tin ($/tonne)	5265.0-5270.0	5310.0-5315.0	38075
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1257.5-1258.0	1281.5-1282.0	884725
Nickel ($/tonne)	5408.0-5413.0	5465.0-5468.0	64554

ECONOMIC VIEW

How the Ministry of Truth views protection of pound

Efforts to defend the currency against devaluation have usually proved futile, stupid and self-destructive, Anatole Kaletsky says



Norman Lamont, the then Chancellor, explaining why Britain pulled out of the exchange-rate mechanism

George Orwell would have loved it. The newly discovered constitutional principle that ministers have a "right to lie" to the public and Parliament has been announced by none other than William Waldegrave, the Minister of Truth specifically appointed by John Major to promote public accountability and "open government". But apart from its political and moral ramifications, the Waldegrave principle touches on economic policy and history in a number of significant ways.

In his retraction (or "clarification") of the original comment, Mr Waldegrave emphasised yesterday that he was refering only to the small number of "exceptional cases when it is necessary to say something that is untrue to the House of Commons". In fact, the Minister for Truth said yesterday that there had been only two "exceptional cases", when Labour Chancellors had allegedly lied to Parliament about government policy in their efforts to defend the pound against devaluation.

For anyone concerned about economics, this statement raises four interesting questions. The first is why Mr Waldegrave confines himself to Labour Chancellors, the first of whom is dead and the second appears not to actually have said anything mendacious. There is, in fact, a much clearer example of lying to protect the currency still fresh in most people's memories and much more relevant to the present Government's reputation.

On September 14, 1992, Norman Lamont, the then Chancellor, said: "There is no question of any change in the central parity of the pound against the Deutschmark and the Government will take whatever action is necessary to secure that." Two days later central parity was abandoned, without the draconian actions promised by Mr Lamont. British interest rates were raised, but only to 15 per cent. And less than half the Bank of England's reserves were spent the currency markets.

By contrast, the Swedish and French governments continued to fight the speculators much longer, raising their interest rates as high as 100 per cent — and squandering the whole of their foreign exchange reserves — in the futile battle against the markets. Obviously it would have been extremely damaging to the national interest if Mr Lamont had stuck to his unrealistic pledge. By the evening of White Wednesday, most people in Britain were heartily relieved that Mr Lamont turned out to have been lying, but that does not alter the truth-value of his September 14 statement.

The second interesting point is raised by the distinction between bare-faced lying and mere "deception". The official guidelines to which Mr Waldegrave referred actually set a far higher standard. They state that ministers have a duty "not to deceive or mislead Parliament and the public". On that basis, ministers told some big whoppers in the summer of 1992.

Take Mr Major's memorable "quack doctors" speech to the Scottish CBI on September 13, 1992: "Now we have the inevitable chorus of quack doctors peddling their remedies. But miracle cures simply don't work. Never have and never will. We would need our present policies, whether or not Britain was a member of the ERM. The soft option, the devaluer's option the inflationary option would be a betrayal of our future and I tell you categorically that it is not the Government's policy (Applause)".

Or consider Mr Lamont's speech to the European Policy Forum in July 1992. "Leave the ERM and cut interest rates? It would certainly be the end of the battle against inflation — we would have surrendered. And quite soon interest rates would have to go back up again, to much higher levels than they are today."

Stretching a point, the guardians of ministerial honesty (if any such really existed) might argue that promises to defend the pound had to be abandoned in the light of unpredictable events. But Mr Lamont's comment about the interest rate consequences of withdrawing from the ERM cannot be thus defended. It was a clear deception.

For the Chancellor did not say that interest rates *might* rise if sterling left the ERM — he said that they *would* go up and to "much higher levels". In making this categorical assertion, at a time when many competent economists (including some within the Treasury and the Bank of England) were telling him that interest rates could be sharply cut outside the ERM, the Chancellor was manifestly "deceiving or misleading Parliament and the public".

The Ministry of Truth would presumably argue in his defence that the former Chancellor was acting in the national interest. As Mr Waldegrave said, the defence of sterling, along with the defence of the realm in time of war, is a matter of such importance that it justifies not just the usual ministerial evasions, but even statements that are positively untrue.

This raises the third economic question. Why does everyone say "hear, hear" when Mr Waldegrave justifies lying about the pound? One can understand why ministers might have to lie about military manoeuvres, espionage operations, and perhaps even their contacts with the IRA. But no one would die if Chancellors refused to lie about sterling. The country wuld not be dismembered by foreign invaders. The lives of secret agents would not be put at risk. In a fixed-exchange rate regime, the reserves at the Bank of England would, of course, be put at risk by a Chancellor who admitted to the possibility of devaluation. But it is not even a matter of saving money. Worries about the reserves hardly justify a moral carte-blanche for Chancellors.

If only Mr Lamont had told the truth about the benefits of leaving the ERM in his EPF speech on July 10, sterling might have been forced out of the ERM two months earlier, thousands of jobs would have been saved, the public sector borrowing requirement reduced and taxpayers might have avoided paying £5 billion to George Soros and other speculators on White Wednesday. Why then is there unanimous agreement in Britain that sterling is a cause worth lying for? Why on earth is defending sterling considered a matter of national importance? Why, in fact, should anyone think it important or desirable at all to defend and overvalued pound at a higher level than the one the markets set?

Every chapter of Britain's economic history since 1918 demonstrates that efforts to defend the pound's external value, either against gold, the dollar or the mark, have consistently proved disastrous. The gold standard was the reason Britain fell quickly into depression after the First World War, while the rest of the world enjoyed the roaring Twenties. If there was one clear reason Britain, the victor in the Second World War, had to maintain rationing until 1949, it was because the pound was absurdly overvalued. And even after Sir Stafford Cripps's 30 per cent devaluation, the pound remained uncompetitively high against the mark, the yen and other currencies. This was a crucial reason why Britain as well as America were steadily overtaken in the Sixties as manufacturing nations by Germany and Japan.

In the past year or two, politicians in many countries outside Britain have begun to realise that "defending" strong currencies is stupid and self-destructive.

The American and Japanese governments, in particular, are both trying to push their currencies lower whenever possible. They have realised that in a deflationary world environment with floating exchange rates, a weak currency makes an economy stronger and gives a government political leverage throughout the world.

A strong currency, by contrast, is usually symptomatic of an excessive budget deficit and unsustainably high interest rates. An overvalued currency leads in the short run to recession and in the long run to de-industrialisation and declining trade.

Unfortunately for Europe, the German and French governments still think they are playing by the old gold standard and Bretton Woods rules, under which countries with strong currencies held the whip hand — and the consequences of their misunderstanding are visible in the European economy's parlous state.

To summarise, efforts to defend the pound against devaluation have usually proved futile, stupid and self-destructive. It should be no surprise then that the Treasury and the British establishment instinctively considers defence of the pound a matter of overriding national importance on a par with defence of the realm.

This, after all, is now officially the country of Newspeak and the Ministry of Truth.

TEMPUS

Coal finger

GIVEN the success of its Nerco and Cordero Mining acquisitions last year, it is easy to see why RTZ is so keen to have more American coal mining assets. Together, the two turned in £36 million post-tax profits for an average of nine months last year, against a net investment of £320 million. That equates to an annual return of almost 15 per cent — a figure that will rise as RTZ boosts output and cuts costs.

The recent rise in the coal price means that such bargains will be less easy to find this year. But RTZ's preference for fossil fuel is understandable, given its unenthusiastic outlook for world metal prices. The group blames the recent rise in prices on speculative activity rather than genuine industrial demand and thus expects the bubble to burst before long.

Although RTZ's organic growth in the current year may be uninspiring in such a scenario, the longer outlook is more promising. RTZ has controlled its costs so tightly that it is now highly geared to an upturn in metal demand and price. Every 10 per cent rise in the copper price will add £57 million to earnings. Earnings could double by 1995, reducing the prospective p/e ratio to under 15.

Such gearing is all the more attractive when it is backed by RTZ's solid balance sheet. Gearing of 10 per cent gives the group a deep pocket for its coal acquisitions in spite of its heavy capital spending commitments.

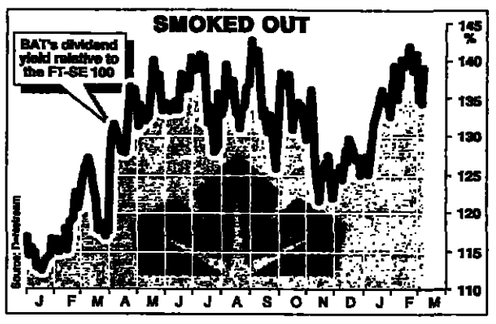
Investors buying for recovery should not be misled by yesterday's 1p increase in the dividend (the first since 1991) into believing RTZ is also an income stock. The yield of less than 3 per cent is unlikely to rise sharply since the group will use an earnings recovery to rebuild a cover that has fallen to 1.7 times.

BAT Industries

THE false rumour that BAT Industries was bidding for Groupe Victoire gained credence because it sounded so plausible. BAT's interest in expanding its financial services business into continental Europe is well-known and, to a casual observer, Victoire would make a comfortable fit.

What made the tale sound less convincing was the suggestion of a rights issue. BAT's shares look too low rated to make equity finance look attractive, while the institutions would not have been overjoyed at the launch of a large issue when equities are so jittery. With gearing down to 40 per cent, BAT's balance sheet is starting to look strong enough to fund a European purchase from its own resources. A £1 billion acquisition would only add 18 points to gearing. By scotching the Victoire stories, BAT ensured that its figures would unfortunately be an anti-climax. The American tobacco war has proved more of a skirmish. Prices of branded cigarettes are recovering slowly and the discount brands have been little affected. There is plenty of headroom for profit growth in financial services this year, as Eagle Star continues to reduce the burden of mortgage indemnity losses.

But the biggest attraction of BAT shares remains the dividend. There are very few other investments around that offer a 5.1 per cent yield. The market should appreciate such solidity long after the rumours have faded.



BICC

WHEN is a loan not a loan? Answer: when it is called a preference share. The Accounting Standards Board's ruling on convertible bonds has had the annoying consequence for BICC of increasing its balance sheet gearing from 13 per cent of shareholders' funds to 72 per cent. BICC is not prepared to take that lying down and is to ask its shareholders for permission to change bonds into preference shares, which will allow BICC to continue to treat the instruments as permanent rather than loan capital.

According to BICC, the rights under the prefs will be the same as the bonds: if holders fail to convert by 2020, the company can exercise its right to place the shares that would have been allotted and use the proceeds to repay the investors. But the issue is not merely academic. Dressing up bonds as prefs has the unfortunate consequence for BICC of increasing the tax charge by £2.5 million because, unlike interest, dividends on shares are not tax-deductible. BICC thinks that is a price worth paying in order to present a sound balance sheet to its customers in the cut-throat world of contracting. It is also convenient at a time when the balance sheet is being eroded by property write-downs. But this spot of financial cross-dressing will not prevent some investors from calling a redeemable instrument a loan and others may reckon the group's willingness to submit to higher taxes a bit much when the dividend is still uncovered.

Cadbury Schweppes

CADBURY's has suffered a steady flow of criticism for jumping in and buying a minority stake in Dr Pepper. Indeed, the investment seems to serve no useful purpose to man or beast. Dr Pepper is not paying any dividends, while it trades its way out of debt and the group shows no signs of allowing any Cadbury representative to enter its boardroom. As such, the stake is merely a dilutive $234 million dead weight on the balance sheet.

Considering the strength of the rest of the business, Cadbury must feel it is entitled to its foibles. The 25 per cent growth in profits in spite of a 10 per cent rise in marketing spending and a £19 million reorganisation charge in the Spanish soft drinks business shows the group can prosper in spite of owning an under-performer or two. The 85 per cent rise in free cash flow shows it has the funds to buy them too.

Besides, the Dr Pepper stake is less useless than it first appears. Cadbury has already made a $145 million book profit on the investment. More importantly, the stake entitles it to a seat at the table in any future reorganisation of the American soft drinks market, however hostile Dr Pepper may appear today.

The acquisition of A&W by contrast is already paying off. This together with further attention to margins in continental Europe should provide solid growth this year. At 494p, the shares are trading on less than 15 times current year earnings forecasts, which appears cheap enough for the group to be allowed to carry a little excess baggage.

Litigating names

From John D. Burrows

Sir, Last Saturday you reported that Mr Justice Cresswell, the High Court judge handling legal actions against Lloyd's agents, has warned litigants there may be insufficient money to satisfy them, even though their claims may be found valid. Lawyers estimate the legal actions could cost £100 million. Last month, the same 17,000 names suing rejected a £900 million offer from Lloyd's if they gave up litigation. The offer provided no cap for alleged long tail liability for asbestosis, health hazard and environmental claims. These continue to flow from the US, whose courts consider industry or insurers liable, not the public sector.

There is no US state health care scheme to provide for asbestosis victims; nor grants to help the cost of cleaning sites where pollutants were dumped. The cost falls heaviest on asbestos firms and their insurers. Such claims were never thought of when the policies were issued, or the premiums would have been too high.

If Lloyd's do not pay the claims they forfeit the American trust fund, and US insurance business on which they depend. Lloyd's names are having to carry this burden of unlimited and unquantifiable liability for the rest of their lives, and that of their estate.

Those of us in long tail action groups want our cases litigated as quickly as possible, not so much for monetary recompense, but to relieve ourselves and our families from liability before we die — £100 million costs for 17,000 names is about £6,000 each. A small price for such relief!

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THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Thirst for knowledge

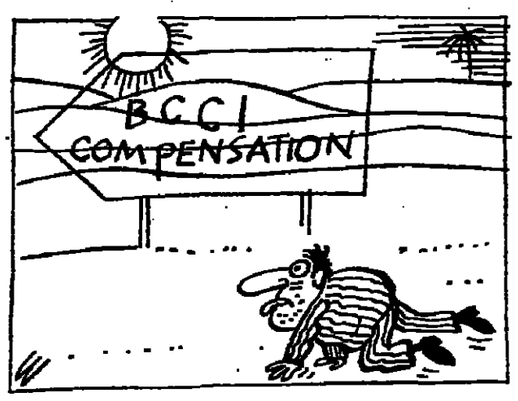
I WOULD never have believed the Australian miner has gone soft, but in the dusty outback of Kalgoorlie, where they still know their gin and limes from their Foster's, they now hand out tickles rather than slaps when offended. An Old Etonian acquaintance of mine — dressed in his best dusty mining shorts in an effort to blend with the local scene — wanted to know from a local barman if life had changed since the first stubbie (Australian for beer can) was served in the outback and, if so, how. My acquaintance asked: "Ten years ago, what would your reaction have been had I walked into this bar in a pin-stripped suit and ordered a gin and lime?" After apoplectic spluttering, I think the reply was something like this. "Well, mate, ten years ago, we'd have thought you were a bloody (inaudible) . . . dragged you from the bar, duffed you up, and kicked the parts that you normally sit on. In the old days, we might even have killed you." My acquaintance enquired: "And now?" "Well, mate, we'd drag you out, but just give you a few good hard slaps around the face." My aquaintance, secretly dying for a gin and lime, boldly ordered a beer . . . and turned to his crossword.

Floored

IT IS not so much fun flying 20 hours London-Perth any more. Qantas forbids smoking on its flights via Singapore, yet temptingly displays the no smoking signs on takeoff and landing. And within seconds of lift-off, the purser announces, in a very serious voice: "Sleeping on the floor of the aircraft is not permitted at any time".

Time out

AUSTRALIANS, confused about the winter time change at the weekend, could hardly be blamed, having read the following item in the local paper. Quote verbatim: "NSW, the ACT (Australian Capital Territory) and Victoria revert to Australian Eastern Standard Time at 2am tomorrow, when their clocks will go back one hour. Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra, Brisbane and Perth will then be half an hour behind Adelaide, half an hour ahead of Darwin, and two hours ahead of Perth. South Australia and Tasmania remain on daylight saving until March 20 and March 27 respectively."



Diplomatic 007

IF Jim Liddell, Our Man in Perth, can't beef up UK trade with Australia, then nobody can. The British Consul (Commercial) sports diplomatic car licence plates with the number 007.

Goldfinger

SOME secrets of how and where the Bank of England stores its gold was disclosed by Terry Smeeton, chief manager, foreign exchange division, BoE, when he spoke to the Australian Gold Conference here on Wednesday. Smeeton explained that the BoE has a very efficient vault system, and showed slides to illustrate the size of the vaults. He said: "As you can see, the vaults are very large indeed but are not built to a particularly great height" (slide 3). "The gold is for the most part stacked on pallets, but by no means up to the ceiling" (slide 4). For those of you who may have been to New York and seen the gold stored in the Fed's vaults, this is a great contrast as, in New York, ten bars are piled up on top of one another right to the ceiling. The difference is of course that the Fed in New York is built on rock, whereas the Bank of England is founded on London clay. There is therefore a limit to the weight our floors will bear." Smeeton, batting for Britain, did emphasise that gold bars in BoE vaults are easily accessible and can be moved around by fork-lift trucks. In New York, if access is required to a single bar at the bottom of a stack, then it is a major exercise.

COLIN CAMPBELL
in Kalgoorlie

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Nat	489	...	...	3.7	16.1
314	179	Allied Irish	261 †	-3	...	4.8	∞
278½	130	Ans New Z	247½	-1½	...	3.7	19.5
3806½	2712½	Bankamerica	2768½	-28	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	261	-3½	...	4.8	19.2
450	325	Bk Leumi UK	430 †	...	20.0	5.8	∞
247	116½	Bank Scotland	199	-5½	4.6	2.9	27.0
652	362	Barclays	502	-10	...	3.1	...
37	8	Carlisle	33½	...	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	571	-3	28.0	6.1	...
180	85	Cattles	155	...	...	3.6	20.6
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2150	+12½	...	...	...
2912½	1347½	Citicorp	2625	-6½	...	...	...
571	250	Close Bros	555	-13	...	2.9	14.9
£153½	9171½	Commerzbk	£138½	-78½	...	2.8	...
£349½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£309½	-646½	...	2.0	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	83	...	...	2.3	...
1651	876	Fuji Bank Y	1396½	-49½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	442	-2	21.5	6.1	11.8
1113	490	HSBC	864	-13	23.5	3.5	∞
1133	474	HSBC HK	889	-13	23.5	3.4	∞
473	243	Hambros	363	-14	14.3	4.9	16.8
443	313	Joseph (L)	433	...	16.7	4.8	...
170	96	King Shaxson	151	-1	9.0	7.5	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	529 †	-13	18.5	4.4	∞
690	482	Lloyds	587 †	-14	...	4.9	12.0
118	63	Lon Scot Bk	111 †	...	3.4	3.8	18.8
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	569½	-5½	...	4.2	13.9
634	398	Nat West	467 †	-17	...	5.0	12.8
573	220	Provident	499 †	-2	16.0	4.0	∞
67	39	Rea Bros	64	...	0.5	1.1	68.0
528	207	Ryl Bk Scot	438	-1	...	3.1	19.8
1460	467½	Schroders	1063	-45	...	1.4	21.2
1437	576	Stand Chart	1143	-37	...	2.7	11.0
291	145½	TSB	241½	-3½	...	4.0	16.5
206	78	Union	173	-2	3.0	2.2	∞
1012	529	Warburg SG	799	-25	...	3.1	11.7
9343½	4847½	Wells Fargo	9087½	-12½	...	3.0	...
260	121	Westpac	242	+1	...	2.2	...
390	188	Wintrust	368 †	...	...	3.3	32.9

BREWERIES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	629	+4	...	4.2	17.5
647	441	Bass	535	+6	...	4.6	14.3
299	189	Boddington	295	+1	...	3.5	14.7
459	382	Bulmer (HP)	453	...	...	2.9	18.2
193	129	Burtonwd Brw	171	...	4.7	3.5	14.3
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'	160	+1	...	2.8	22.2
70½	50	Fosters Brewing	56½	-2½	...	3.1	66.3
493	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	463	-5	7.5	2.0	19.4
508	373	Grand Met	477 †	+1	...	3.4	20.7
511	347	Greenalls Grp	442	-1	...	3.5	15.2
584	505	Greene King	529	+2	...	2.9	14.8
542	388	Guinness	507	-8	...	3.0	18.9
281	230	Hardy Hansn	254	...	...	4.2	13.6
150	105	Heavitree	150	...	3.6	3.0	∞
457	255	Highland Distl	426	-1	...	1.9	21.2
3225	2538	Holt J	3163	...	42.0	1.7	20.6
186	118	Macallan-Glen	145	...	4.3	3.8	32.6
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	226	-1	...	2.4	14.8
302	231	Morton Thmp	297	...	...	2.3	16.6
395	288½	Matthew Clark	359 †	+2	...	4.0	32.0
300	125	Mrqdwn W	149	-6	7.0	5.9	13.3
580	455	Morland	510	...	...	2.4	17.5
12	6½	Paramount▲	10½	+½	...	1.8	18.5
267	145	Regent Inns	256	...	...	2.0	25.8
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1340½	+59½	...	2.1	22.2
591	393	Scot & New	549	...	...	3.9	16.8
225	148	Taunton Cider	152	-4	6.2	5.1	11.9
306	213	Vaux Group	284	+2	...	4.2	18.3
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	393	+10	...	1.9	30.3
617	435	Whitbread	547	-3½	...	4.1	13.1
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	525	-6	...	3.0	14.7
528	475	Young 'A'	517	...	14.7	3.6	21.4

BUILDING, ROADS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	73	Abbey	185	...	...	1.4	30.4
27	12	Albrighton▲	24	...	...	0.5	...
200	87	Allen▲	192	...	...	3.3	43.5
164	65	Amec	152	...	3.0	2.5	28.1
454	150	Ashtead▲	424 †	...	...	1.4	28.3
165	101	Attwoods	161	-1	...	3.9	...
363	180	BPB Ind	338	-2	...	2.8	40.4
127	57	Baggeridge Brk	123	-1	...	3.2	37.0
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	37½	...	0.6	2.0	...
108	68	Barcon	82	...	...	4.6	9.8
60	32½	Bardon	57½	+½	2.0	4.7	26.4
292	94	Barratt Dev	263	-3	...	1.9	28.3
304	152½	Bellway	274	...	...	2.7	25.8
59	15	Bellwinch	53	...	...	...	...
243	98	Berisford Intl	234 †	+2	...	...	...
573	295½	Berkeley Gp	534	-3	...	1.5	28.8
158	45	Bett Bros	158	+2	...	1.6	20.4
93	36	Blockleys	77	...	1.0	1.6	...
391	189	Blue Circle	355	...	...	4.0	...
335	230	Boot (Henry)	335	-7	6.0	2.2	18.7
117	78	Breedon PLC	102	-1	4.6	5.6	25.1
154	82	Br Dredging	144	-1	5.2	4.5	32.0
98	45	Brit Fittings	93	...	1.7	2.4	...
197½	99	Bryant	180 †	+2	...	3.3	27.4
146	53	CALA	143	...	...	2.0	...
402	200	CRH	401	...	...	2.3	∞
70	18	Cakebread Rby	53	-2	...	...	...
42	21	Cosain	36½	...	...	...	...
185	86½	Countryside	180 †	...	...	2.9	∞
120	39½	Crest Nicholson	111 †	-1½	...	1.1	...
140	27	Cussins	127	...	...	1.0	...
25½	15	Edmond Hldgs	20½	...	0.3	1.8	...
319	178	Epwin	319	+2	...	3.0	20.7
82	32	Erith	72	-1	0.3	0.6	...
506	252	Eve Group▲	458 †	...	...	2.8	17.3
245	97	Freeman Gp▲	228 †	+3	6.0	3.3	∞
60	28	Galliford	55	...	...	2.3	...
102	52	Gibbs & Dandy	100	+1	2.5	3.2	∞
1028	695	Gleeson (MJ)	1025	...	...	1.6	17.8
173½	75	Hewden-Stuart	156	-2	...	2.2	33.4
53	28	Hewetson	51 †	...	...	3.1	37.7
473	173	Heywd Wlm	430	...	13.0	4.0	...
145	37	Higgs & Hill	130	...	2.5	2.4	...
38	26	How Gp	29	...	...	4.8	...
32	15	Howard Hldgs	26	...	0.5	2.4	...
100	39	Ibstock Johnsen	93	...	1.0	1.3	...
25	12½	Jarvis	23½	...	...	...	...
428	196	Laing (J)	398	-3	9.0	2.8	15.9
164	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	150	-½	...	5.3	...
145	55	Ln Clydeside▲	142	...	...	4.2	27.9
230	100	Lovell (YJ)	143	...	...	...	...
405	240	Manders	365	...	9.3	3.2	22.4
213½	93	Marley	190	+4	4.2	2.8	55.7
155	61	Marshalls	140 †	+1	...	3.6	...
253	122	Maunders (J)	251	...	...	2.6	24.2
330	96	McAlpine (A)	306 †	-2	...	2.7	40.3
82½	23	McCarthy & S	72	...	0.5	0.9	...
589	272	Meyer Int	515	+9	...	2.4	51.6
190½	62	Mowlem (J)	178	...	4.0	2.8	...
223	51	NSM	223	+7	...	...	...
53	41	Needler▲	41	...	...	4.4	19.1
196	106	Newman Tnks	169	...	...	5.0	22.6
382	197	Persimmon	345	-2	8.6	3.1	35.2
25	9	Phoenix Timber	17	...	...	...	...
1790½	1237½	Pochins	1790½	...	39.0	2.0	25.5
198	80	Prowting	182	...	3.4	2.3	...
1079	555	RMC Gp	968	+6	...	2.6	36.3
117	75½	Raine Ind	98	-1	...	2.6	21.0
40	18	Ramus▲	33	-2	...	...	...
640	402	Redland	561	+1	25.0	5.6	32.6
86	64	Rosket	84	+8	4.3	6.4	12.4
371	207	Rugby Group	308	-1	6.4	2.6	23.6
68	23	Svrild-Rvre▲	56	...	...	0.6	...
189	68	Sharpe & Fisher	167	...	...	3.0	28.0
288	86½	Sheffield Insl	249	...	...	2.7	61.1
268	82	Sheriff Hldgs▲	253	...	...	1.9	24.1
110	66	Shorco▲	110	...	5.2	5.9	25.0
245	196	Smart (J)	237	-3	...	4.5	17.9
6½	1½	Starmin	4½	...	...	...	...
208	100	Tarmac	208	-1½	5.5	3.4	...
257	131	Tay Homes	257	...	...	2.8	31.7
183	63	Taylor Woodrw	167	...	1.0	0.7	...
760	433	Tilbury Dougls	738	...	33.0	5.6	24.0
60	19	Torex Hire▲	53 †	...	...	1.4	...
370	168	Travis Perkins	342	...	8.0	2.9	60.2
29½	5½	Trencherwood	23	...	...	...	...
43	25	Try Group	33	...	1.0	3.8	9.3
28	21	Tudor▲	23	...	0.2	1.4	...
113	41	Vibroplant	104	...	2.5	3.0	37.4
74	20	Ward Hldgs	67	...	...	...	...
45	25	Waterhouse	43	...	...	...	...
495	360	Watts Blake	495	...	...	3.0	21.3
225½	90	Westbury	215	...	5.0	2.9	33.6
7	3	Wiggins	6	...	...	...	...
571	362	Wilson Bowdn	554	+2	...	2.0	39.0
259	147	Wilson (C)	232	...	3.9	2.1	40.2
249	104	Wimpey G	229	+2	...	2.9	...
47	15	YJM	28	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	463	ADT	705	+12	...	...	∞
428	198	Adam & Harvey	428	...	13.0	3.8	7.8
92	56	Air London▲	67	...	3.5	6.5	12.0
62	37	African Lakes	61	...	2.0	4.1	...
178	93	Auto Sec	127	...	...	6.0	22.8
162	84	BET Ord	132	-½	...	2.1	5.3
145	41	BNB Res	142	...	4.9	4.3	...
318	183	BPP	249	...	8.3	4.2	13.7
186	154	BSM	178½	-4½	...	4.0	15.6
285	195	Barbour Index	219 †	...	8.1	4.7	14.9
1½	0½	Black & Edge▲	1½	...	...	...	...
28	15	Boustead	21	...	0.7	4.2	...
269	184	Brit Data Mgt	206	-2	4.9	3.0	14.9
29	11	Broadcastle▲	28	...	...	1.1	22.3
76	48	Brooks Service	69	...	...	0.9	...
120	86	CRT Gp	120 †	...	...	3.0	21.6
240	139½	Capita Group	213	...	2.5	1.5	∞
59	31	Casket Plc	54½	-½	...	2.1	21.0
35	18½	Chiltern Capital	25½	+1	...	...	...
85	26	Christie	85	...	...	...	...
423	228	Chubb Sec	393	-6	...	1.7	24.4
132	90	Comac	126	...	...	1.5	32.5
57	6½	Corp Services	56	...	0.2	0.6	∞
97	20	Coutts Cnslg	96	...	...	...	31.2
179	50	Dart	154	-2	3.1	2.7	20.9
276	198	Davis Service	260	...	...	3.8	19.6
154	85	EW Facs▲	142	...	4.4	3.9	16.2
34	11	Gardiner	28	...	...	3.3	12.3
334	215	Hays	309	...	...	2.3	23.7
289	174	Hogg Robinsn	284	...	...	3.0	20.7
70	32	Holmes Protecn	33	...	...	...	2.0
365½	127	Hatch Whamp	299½	-5½	...	1.6	24.8
2698½	975	ISS B DKr	2512½	...	...	0.8	17.3
657	475	Inchcape	541	-2	...	3.1	17.6
1035	669	Johnson Clean	1011	...	25.7	3.2	22.1
12	2½	Lep	7	...	...	...	...
364	173	Mitie Gp	364 †	+2	4.0	1.4	25.2
1259½	897½	Manpower	1259½	+3½	...	...	...
78½	40½	Michael Page	76	...	1.8	3.0	32.3
279	108	Pennat▲	109	...	8.0	9.2	4.1
7½	2	Prime People▲	5½	+½	...	...	...
142	57	Proudfoot	70	...	...	26.8	3.9
423	337	RCO	401 †	...	15.2	4.7	13.5
118	86	REA	106	...	2.0	2.4	...
127	43	Reed Executive	124	...	...	...	...
156	105	Reliance Sec▲	128	-2	4.5	4.4	33.6
279	178	Rentokil	262	+4	2.5	1.2	32.7
368	220	Roldt & Nolan	328	...	...	2.8	22.5
399	271	Salvesen (C)	271	-3	...	1.6	18.0
58	26	Scott Pickford▲	54	...	0.8	1.9	17.2
17½	5	Select Appt▲	12½	...	...	...	...
1495	695	Serco Gp	1485	+5	17.0	1.4	∞
352	83	Sherwd Cmpt▲	85	...	...	10.3	2.5
130	90	Sketchley	114	...	...	3.3	26.1
356	310	Warner Howrd	335	...	6.6	2.5	17.5
46	20	Welpac	20	...	...	...	...
30½	14	Wills Gp	29 †	...	...	1.8	20.3

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
280	210	Allied Colloids	266	...	...	2.0	24.5
1064	613	Amersham	1044	-3	...	1.7	30.0
7	1½	Anglo Utd	3½	...	...	...	...
£124½	8325	BASF DM	£122½	-68½	...	3.6	...
373	199	BTP	326	-8	...	3.6	26.2
£145½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£145½	+40½	...	3.6	...
185	105	Blagden	171	...	6.5	4.8	18.4
165	93	Brent Chems	99	-6	...	5.2	∞
530	340	Br Bio-Tech	438	+3	...	...	...
29	5	Caird Gp	11½	...	...	...	...
199	126	Canning (W)	168	-5	7.2	5.4	19.3
475	388	Cantab Pharms	448	+3	...	...	...
608	421	Courtaulds	542	+7	...	3.3	13.6
382	228	Croda	375	-2	...	2.6	21.5
149	103	Doeflex	130	...	4.6	4.4	10.0
282	175	Ellis & Everard	250 †	-2	...	3.6	21.0
42½	15½	Euro Colour	39	...	0.8	2.8	18.7
351	259	Halstead (J)	344	...	...	2.4	17.0
241	150	Hickson	203	...	...	4.9	18.8
£124½	8850	Hoechst	£123½	-28½	...	2.9	...
229	157	Holliday Chem	214	+5	4.0	2.4	∞
815	608	ICI	767	+18	...	4.6	56.3
843	576	Laporte	795	+1	...	3.3	19.6
248	181	Leigh	216	-4	...	4.5	19.0
97½	35	MTM	64	...	...	...	...
2400	1462½	Norsk Hydro	2278½	-3½	...	1.4	...
625	370	Paterson Zoch	603	...	...	2.6	20.4
595	360	-do- 'A'	574	...	...	2.7	19.4
296	193	Plysu	243	...	...	3.8	20.7
305	173	Porvair	304 †	...	4.2	1.7	∞

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	65	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	473	-5	...	4.5	22.0
650	395	Wistnblmr R	650	...	17.0	3.3	22.2
483	330	Yorks Chem	433 †	-2	...	2.3	20.5
312	223	Yule Catto	298	-1	...	2.5	18.6
869	593	Zeneca	793	+1	...	4.7	16.2

DRAPERY, STORES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	70	-2	...	5.4	...
248	173	Allders	235	...	...	3.2	17.5
410	257	Argos Plc	358	...	...	2.5	30.6
25	8	Ashley Group	9	...	...	2.6	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	93	...	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	337	...	5.2	1.9	21.7
199	94	Austin Reed	186	...	...	1.7	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	160	-2	...	4.8	16.1
150	94	Bentalls	143	...	1.9	1.7	...
278	125	Beaverware	134	-7	...	2.0	16.0
47	22	Blacks Leis	39	...	2.2	7.2	...
261½	133	Body Shop	232	...	...	1.0	29.9
16½	6½	Brown & Jackson	6½	-1½	...	1.5	3.5
491	318	Brown (N)	435	-6	...	2.1	25.6
87½	51	Burton	54½	...	...	4.6	...
245	126	Cantors	223	-3	...	2.3	30.9
520	295	Church	428	...	12.5	3.7	38.1
183	97	Clinton Cards	165	...	4.3	3.3	19.9
287	212	Coats Viyella	259	+1	...	3.6	38.8
120	78	Colourvision▲	86	...	5.6	8.1	15.4
181	134	Ctry Casuals	167	...	...	3.1	15.5
935	374	Courts Furnish	874 †	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
210	115	Crown Eyes▲	210	...	7.5	4.5	14.4
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	109½	-1½	...	3.3	16.1
109½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	107½	...	0.8	0.9	34.5
293	189	Dixons Grp	217½	+4½	...	3.7	...
21	8	ERA Gp	19	...	...	...	...
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.9
284	71	Essex Furn	271 †	...	...	1.8	43.4
273	203	Etam	232	...	7.0	3.8	21.3
608	499	Fine Art Dev	506	...	13.0	3.2	18.3
70	26	Fired Earth Tiles	48				
713	498	Forminster	709	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	34	French Conn▲	139				
74	43	Gent SR	70	...	...	4.1	21.5
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	100	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	334	GUS	581 †	-1	...	2.5	18.0
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	35	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Harstone	73½				
33½	20	Helene Plc	28½	-½	2.0	8.8	13.5
110	29	Heritage▲	92				
91	35	Honeysuckle▲	86	-2	...	3.7	12.5
211	63	Jacques Vert	187 †	...	...	2.3	14.3
783	496	Kingfisher	613	+1	...	2.8	21.1
88	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	81 †	...	4.0	6.2	∞
685	495	Liberty	540	...	7.2	1.7	63.6
380	241	Lloyds Chem	346	-1	...	2.9	11.4
184	120	MFI	168	...	...	2.8	76.4
461½	311	Marks Spencer	424½	+1	...	2.5	21.7
680	445	Menzies (John)	656 †	-7	...	2.1	17.1
298	135	Moss Bros	284	...	5.5	2.4	33.4
251	139½	Next	219	+3	3.5	2.0	26.1
46	15	Oliver (G)	44				
335	197	Oriflame Intl	279	...	...	4.4	13.7
63	24	Pentos	38	...	0.8	2.6	7.9
313	185	QS Hldgs	264	...	5.1	2.5	18.8
69½	20½	Rhino Grp▲	44	-2	0.5	1.4	∞
208	120	Rosebys	208	...	...	2.9	25.0
181	135	Sherwood Gp	172	...	...	1.9	15.5
132	93	Sears	118½	-½	...	3.7	47.7
41½	11	Signet Group	37½	-½	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	513 †	+8	...	3.6	16.5
127	83	-do- B	120½	...	...	3.1	19.4
21	4½	Specialeyes▲	13				
252	176	Storehouse	224½	+1	...	2.8	22.2
198	146	T & S Stores	185	...	6.0	4.1	13.8
173	71	Tie Rack	147	-1	1.0	0.9	24.1
265	160	Time Products	250	...	7.7	3.9	21.6
132	63	Usher (Frank)▲	128	...	6.0	6.0	13.6
465	302	Vendome	429	-3	...	1.8	20.0
45	27	Vivat	42	+2	1.0	3.0	13.0
87	42	WEW Group	53	-1	...	3.2	39.1
49	34	Wensum▲	43	...	1.8	5.5	...
129	78	Wickes	117	...	...	1.1	27.9
89	45	Wid of Leather▲	87				
195	142	Wyevale	176	-1	4.4	3.2	∞
4	2	Xtra-vision▲	2½				

ELECTRICALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	187	...	...	3.3	18.8
281	223	Acal▲	281	+15	...	3.2	20.2
540	385	Admiral	540	...	6.3	1.5	∞
190	104	Alba	190	...	...	3.2	21.5
50	19½	Alphameric	39				
55	22	Amstrad	37 †	...	...	1.7	...
128	61	App Holo▲	91				
43	9½	Arlen	33				
94½	33½	Astec	89	-½	...	0.4	...
271	230	Aston	265	...	...	1.4	31.5
293	224	Beales Hunter	275	...	...	4.3	17.0
9	2	Bennett & Fount	2½ #				
478	319	BICC	438	-16	...	5.7	30.5
558	408	Bick	515 †	...	...	2.5	19.0
1700	900	Borland▲	912½				
384	270	Bowthorpe	344	-3	...	2.5	22.8
489½	376	BT	432	-2	...	4.7	30.9
372½	305½	BT P/P	313½	-2	...	4.6	20.5
20	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	16½	+½	0.1	0.8	...
160	48	Burnfield	79	+2	2.5	4.0	∞
545	334½	Cable Wireless	467	-8	...	2.0	24.4
35½	11½	Chloride	35				
236	229	CML Micro▲	270	...	4.7	2.2	19.6
178	74	Compt People	178	+2	1.5	1.1	∞
202	108½	Cray Elect	187 †	-3	...	1.2	18.2
447	243	Critchley	440	...	...	1.4	25.3
560	414	Delta	530	-1	...	3.3	22.1
580	205	Densitron El▲	578	...	...	1.4	18.6
620	395	Domino	494 †	...	...	2.0	21.2
77	48	Dowding Mills	72	-1	...	4.3	30.8
1635	865	Druck	1635	...	10.3	0.8	32.8
589	358	Electrocomps	528	+3	...	2.0	29.7
236½	156½	El Data Prc	190 ↓	...	...	1.2	16.2
175	43	Electron House	153 †	+2	...	2.2	21.9
35	10½	Emess	29½	...	0.1	0.4	...
804	442	Eurotherm	804 †	+2	...	1.5	27.3
211	108	FKI	199	+½	...	2.1	29.1
686	340	Farnell Elect	597½	+½	...	1.4	31.6
91	33	Feedback▲	64	...	...	3.9	8.7
336	101	First Tech	310	...	...	0.8	25.8
270	81	Forward Gp▲	240	...	4.0	2.1	17.0
22½	13½	Forward Tech	22½				
367½	264	GEC	314 †	+1	10.4	4.2	15.7
199	132	Graseby	189	...	...	7.2	39.8
14½	7½	Greystone▲	13				
52	35	Hillslane▲	43	...	0.5	1.5	...
193	118	Ind Control	166	-3	...	3.5	14.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	363 †	...	...	3.1	14.6
130	26	Kalamazoo	130	...	2.7	2.6	30.2
19	8	Kembrey	11	...	0.1	1.8	...
396	260	Kenwood App	378	...	...	2.6	21.2
298	47	Kewill Sys▲	261	-1	...	...	...
209	100	Kode	140	...	6.0	5.4	16.6
60	16	Laser-Scan▲	25				
365	122	LEMS▲	141	...	0.7	0.7	19.9
300	205	Lec Refrig	275	-5	9.0	4.1	...
179	129	Life Sciences	138	-2	3.9	3.8	∞
314	164	Logica	306	-2	...	1.6	35.3
55	34	LPA Inds	47	...	...	6.5	...
223	162	MR Data Mngmt	199	+2	...	3.5	21.9
723	523	Macro 4	678	...	...	3.6	20.1
281	175½	Menvier-Swa▲	226	...	...	2.2	19.5
3013	903	Micro Focus	940	-3	...	...	9.0
227	144	Microgen	155 †	-3	7.2	5.8	∞
39½	23½	Microvitec▲	36½	-2	...	...	...
559	357	Misys	543 †	-2	...	1.7	19.8
584	98	Mitel	402	-1	...	...	...
176	108	MMT Comp▲	176	+1	...	2.8	24.0
32	16	Molynx	23½	...	1.3	6.9	...
272	202	MTL Inst▲	265	...	3.7	1.7	30.0
165	103	Maldame Elect	141 †	...	3.5	3.1	25.6
146	58	Murray Ent	133	...	...	1.9	∞
3209½	2478½	NYNEX	2903½	-3½	...	...	...
186	121	Neotronics	121	...	...	2.7	21.1
65	42	Newmark (L)	55				
364	58	Norbain▲	364	+2	...	0.5	28.0
75	20	Northamber	57	...	0.6	1.3	...
15½	5	Oceonics	8½				
358	196	Oxford Inst	356 †	...	4.6	1.6	24.5
87	29	P & P	79	...	...	3.3	21.7
98	55	Peek	90½	...	3.4	4.7	23.6
233	115	Pegasus▲	207	-1	5.0	3.1	∞
£104½	9000	Philips Fn 4%	£104½	...	...	5.5	...
1887½	725	-do- Lmp nv	1881½	+43½	...	0.9	∞
432	211	Phonelink▲	430				
335	171½	Pifco	335 †	...	...	1.6	28.1
325	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	325 †	...	...	1.6	27.2
96	63	Plasmec▲	79	...	3.0	4.7	6.7
121	76	Prestac	115	...	...	2.8	24.4
281	81	Psion	228	...	2.5	1.4	60.8
261	147	Racal Elect	234	-2	4.2	2.3	13.9
70	33	Radamec	48	...	...	3.9	10.3
70	24	Radius▲	30	+1	2.2	9.4	10.4
118	61	Real Time▲	117	-1	...	3.2	24.0
629	367	Sage Gp	539	-1	...	2.3	16.5
380	222	Sanderson Elec	345	...	9.9	3.6	14.7
89	49	Scanotronic	86	...	3.1	4.6	23.5
210	117	Scholes Grp	199	...	...	3.1	25.8
390	220	Sema Gp	388	...	3.1	1.0	∞
275	235	Servomex	288	...	5.9	2.8	20.3
49	26	Silvermines	44	...	...	2.8	...
94	37	Soundtracks▲	85 †	...	...	3.5	21.3
2962½	1737½	TDK	2800	-31½	...	1.1	31.8
27	4½	TDS Circuits▲	13½				
198	80	Telemetrix	129	-3	0.8	0.8	21.3
292	178	Telspec	277	+2	...	1.1	34.8
1154	809	THORN EMI	1133	+11	...	3.5	26.3
183	96	Thorpe FW	183	...	...	1.8	21.3
103	23	Total Systems▲	35	...	1.5	5.4	6.2
303	186	Tunstall	295	+4	...	1.5	21.1
324	164	Unitech	305 †	...	...	2.6	51.9
16	6	Verity	12½				
35	22	Vistec▲	28	...	0.3	1.7	16.5
637	387	Vodafone	594	-12	...	1.6	25.8
483	368	Volex	476	...	18.1	4.8	19.5
26	11	Western Selectn	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	223	Wholesale Ftgs	335 †	+12	11.7	4.4	35.6

ELECTRICITY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	389	East Midlands	607 †	-10	...	4.2	10.8
725½	390	Eastern Elec	638 †	-5	...	4.0	12.2
480½	304	Hydro-Elec	367 †	-6	...	4.0	12.9
733½	404	London Elect	623	-1	...	4.3	11.7
830	458	Manweb	717 †	-8	...	3.8	9.0
787	424½	Midlands Elec	635 †	-11	...	4.2	10.0
510	273	National Powr	460	-9	...	3.0	11.4
801	440	Northern Elec	661 †	-5	...	4.3	8.6
301	100	Nrtn Ireland	275 †	-4	...	3.2	13.2
806	439	Norweb	668 †	-8	20.8	3.9	9.6
582	273	PowerGen	545	-13	...	2.6	14.3
487	285	Scottish Power	394 †	-1	...	3.7	14.6
435	218	Seeboard	380	-1	...	3.7	11.0
825	469	Sth Wales	710	...	...	4.1	10.9
743	426	Sth Western	635 †	...	...	4.2	9.4
745½	406	Southern Elec	649 †	-6	...	4.0	8.6
729½	455	Yorkshire Elec	635 †	-7	...	4.2	12.0

FINANCE, LAND

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	51½	...	1.0	2.4	10.9
165	47	BWD▲	145	-3	4.0	3.5	22.3
118	26	Baltic Plc	105	...	...	1.8	∞
215	133	Bisset Inv	208				
757	413	Caledonia	674	-1	...	2.9	25.1
2350	1075	Camellia	2350	...	...	1.6	8.9
363	243	Candover	337	...	11.0	4.2	∞

Bonds lead equities lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 28. Dealings end March 11. §Contango day March 14. Settlement day March 21. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
465	155	Gowett	427 †	-1	...	4.4	8.8
250	125	Ivory Sime	217	-1	...	4.0	18.7
428	150	Johnson Fry	340	-8	...	1.2	...
248	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	220	-1	9.3	5.7	∞
87	47	Manakin	78				
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	19½	-½	...	...	0.4
56	40	Newmarket	56				
365	248	Rathbone Brs	325	...	6.5	2.5	19.8
28½	17	Rutland Tst	26	...	...	3.8	15.4
400	253	S & U	363	-2	10.2	3.5	13.5
114	48	Singer & Fried	99	...	...	3.9	∞
1203	713	Sotheby's	1190 †	+27	...	1.4	...
188	113	SJP Capital	158	-1	3.0	2.4	66.2
224	183	Towry Law	221 †	...	...	2.6	21.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2586½	1487½	Amer Express	1947½	+6½	...	...	...
229	166	Gartmore	189	-3	...	2.6	∞
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1053	...	...	5.0	24.3
251½	92	Invesco	204	...	...	1.8	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	262½	-7½	...	3.0	11.0
323	154	MAI	280	-3	...	3.1	17.7
770	389	MAM	659	-7	16.0	3.0	16.5
1263	633	M & G	1053	-3	...	3.0	22.1
496	109	Smith New Crt	411	+1	...	2.1	4.0
81	45	Trio Hldgs	61 †	...	2.5	5.1	∞

FOODS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	556	+2	...	3.4	11.5
77½	46½	ASDA Group	59 †	-2½	1.6	3.5	...
368	170	Acatos & Hutch	343 †	-1	...	2.9	12.6
80	55	Albert Fisher	67	...	...	7.0	14.9
407	240	Argyll	252	-2½	...	5.7	9.1
270	160	Banks (S C)	260 †	...	9.0	4.3	9.9
402	305	Barr (AG)	340 †	...	6.5	2.4	∞
85	56	Bensons Crsps	72	...	2.8	5.1	∞
481	357	Booker	422	-5	...	6.4	36.6
56½	35	Borthwick	56	...	...	2.7	69.6
505	430	Brake Bros	488	...	6.3	1.6	20.3
51	37	Budgen	40 †	...	...	4.1	12.1
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	494	...	...	3.7	15.7
232	78	Carrs Milling	204	...	...	2.6	14.9
196	133	Cranswick	148	-2	...	6.8	14.0
22	6½	Cullens	15	...	0.5	4.2	43.1
384	118	Dalepak	118 †	...	...	5.3	34.4
543	424	Dalgety	478	-2	...	5.5	13.7
84	27	Daniels S	84	...	...	0.4	...
294	191	Devro	287	-1	...	2.6	25.4
134	80	Everest	80	...	...	8.5	14.5
391	269	Farepak	388	+1	5.9	1.9	23.9
10	3	Farringford	8				
94	64	Finlay (James)	83	...	...	6.2	22.6
125	78	Fyffes	97 †	...	...	1.8	∞
483	256	Geest	289	-1	8.1	3.8	12.1
20½	7	Global▲	19	...	0.5	3.3	28.6
68	43	Grand Central	51	...	0.8	2.0	...
203	139	Hazlewood Fds	158	-1	...	5.1	8.9
196½	131	Hillsdown	174	-3	8.8	6.3	13.7
250	146	Iceland Group	155	-2	...	2.8	9.8
131	92	JLI Group	110	...	...	5.3	12.2
853	542	Kwik Save	606	...	...	3.8	10.9
262	144	Low (Wm)	160	...	...	6.6	5.6
113	41	Matthews (B)	105	-1	2.3	2.8	68.8
19½	11	Merchant Retail	16	...	0.9	7.4	32.8
174	84	Morrison (W)	118	-2	...	0.9	15.3
246	177	Nichols (JN)	246	...	5.5	2.8	17.8
291	207½	Nthn Foods	221 †	-1	...	4.8	10.8
20½	8	Nthmbrn Fn▲	12				
229	172	Nurdin Peack	219	+6	...	3.6	12.1
358	205	Park Foods	357 †	...	...	2.3	27.5
115	58	Perkins Food	74	-1	...	7.8	∞
141	47	PizzaExpress	131	...	...	0.5	27.6
9	1½	Regina Hlth▲	3½				
584	342	Sainsbury J	392	-4	...	3.6	12.7
86	33	Sentry Farm▲	81	-2	1.5	2.3	14.5
225	90	Sims Food	110	-3	...	7.4	21.2
487½	355½	Tate & Lyle	429	...	...	3.8	11.5
273	176	Tesco	230	-1	...	4.0	10.4
211	123	Thorntons	198	...	...	2.4	...
229	101	Treats▲	219 †	...	...	2.3	17.8
434½	300	Unigate	365	-8	...	3.6	12.0
437	324	Utd Biscuits	335	-3½	...	5.7	20.7
24½	18½	Usborne	19	...	...	3.5	14.0
422	248	Watson & Phil	400	...	...	4.5	16.7
59	30½	West Trust	41 †	...	...	8.2	...

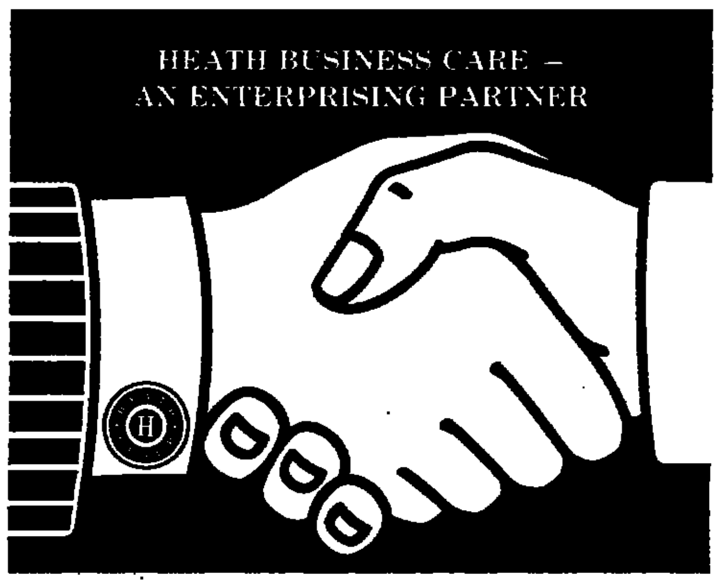
HOTELS, CATERERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
26	12	Abrdn Stk H▲	26				
94	77	City Centre Rest	88½	+½	1.5	2.2	21.3
285	170	Forte	270	+2	...	3.5	21.2
215	148	Friendly Hotels	184	...	...	3.9	35.8
11½	5	Harmony Props▲	9½				
168½	87	Jurys Hotel	150½	-1	...	4.2	12.2
222½	142	Ladbroke	197	...	...	3.8	54.3
109½	59	Mandarin Orntl	92½	-3½	...	3.6	23.0
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
31	11½	Ryan Hotels E	24½	...	...	5.0	...
1099½	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	1075	...	7.0	0.8	...
92½	34½	Stakis	88 †	...	1.0	1.4	∞

INDUSTRIALS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	19	AAF Inds	59	...	...	18.6	3.6
616	455	AAH	493 †	...	...	4.4	16.4
185	123	AIM	170 †	...	...	5.5	20.8
138	88	APV	131½	+1	...	5.1	...
238	81	ASW	193	...	...	3.9	∞
202	118	Adwest	184	...	...	4.9	17.7
29	10	Aerospace Eng	17 †	-½	...	5.5	...
312	249	Airsprung	302	...	...	1.9	19.3
211	113	Alenda W	209	...	4.3	2.5	33.1
13½	6½	Allied Radio	11				
328	207½	Alumasc	328	...	...	2.3	18.1
71	17	Alvis	67 †	...	...	1.9	12.1
745	345	Amber Ind	745	...	...	1.2	17.1
68	45	Amberley Gp▲	57	...	1.0	2.2	...
107	75	Anagen	76				
145	65	Andrews Sykes	80	...	...	4.7	...
1785	703	Antofagasta	1675	-13	...	1.2	31.0
62	37	Armour	55½	-½	...	3.8	12.8
175	143	Ash & Lacy	175	...	6.4	4.6	17.9
6	2½	Asst Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.3	62.1
625	434	Avon Rubber	594	-5	...	3.5	20.9
300	168	Assoc Nursg	294	...	...	0.4	18.0
687½	488	Atlas Equip	553	+5	...	5.0	13.9
81	35	Ayrshire Metal	78				
224	147	BBA	203½	+2½	...	4.6	...
122	28	BLP Group▲	122				
77	13	BM Gp	43½	+½	...	1.8	...
770	590	BOC	719	+4	...	4.0	28.3
86½	50	BSG	80	...	...	5.0	27.8
578	353	BSS Group	548	...	...	3.9	30.6
409½	318	BTR	377	+5	...	3.7	21.1
221	147	BWI	175	...	...	4.8	16.2
50	25½	Babcock	37½	...	...	3.6	22.5
11	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½				
289	228	Baird (Wm)	252	+3	8.9	4.4	17.5
531½	393½	Barlow	431½	...	...	7.6	7.9
81	48	Baynes (Charles)	73	...	...	2.5	30.7
28½	14	Bearing Power	23	...	...	4.1	14.6
300	23	Beauford	26 †	+1	...	...	...
35	15	Bedford (W)▲	35				
27½	14½	Benson Group	15 †	...	...	2.5	11.4
707	285	Bespak	333	-5	10.2	3.8	10.4
133	55	Bibby (J)	79	...	...	3.2	...
312	129	Billam (J)	213	...	5.3	3.2	∞
41	21½	Bilston Btrsea▲	30	-1			
11½	2	Bimec Ind	8	-½			
282	118½	Birkby	279	...	3.7	1.7	14.5
45	29	Black Arrow	43	...	3.1	6.1	13.5
283	136	Black (Peter)	220	...	3.8	1.8	21.0
845	129	Bluebird Toys▲	833	+90	16.0	2.4	∞
329	230	Bodycote	321	...	...	2.0	20.5
40	23	Bogod 'A'	38	...	0.7	2.3	14.2
609	416	Boots	544½	+4½	...	3.1	21.5
61	39	Booth Inds	43				
524	402	Bowater	517	+3	...	2.9	21.6
1681½	1187½	Bowater Inc	1571½	+28½			
297	199	Boxmore Ind▲	289 ↓	...	4.0	1.7	∞
20	12½	Brasway	17½				
333	204	Brammer	323	-5	13.0	5.0	24.1
31	12	Bridgend Gp	24	...	0.4	...	
163	64	Bridon	156	...	...	3.2	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	78	...	...	4.0	...
57½	31	Brierley Inv	51	...	...	6.8	12.3
308	190	Br Bldg & Eng	235	...	...	4.3	19.8
134	42	Br Bloodstock▲	104				
528	415	Br Polythene	493	-7	11.5	3.0	∞
147½	54	Br Steel	142½	+2½	...	1.3	...
195	115	Br Thornton	126	-2	...	5.0	13.1
298	215	Br Vita	266	...	...	3.5	24.5
18½	5½	Briton Grp	17	...	...	1.3	...
931½	555	Broken Hill	836	-14½	...	2.2	37.9
125	78	Bromsgrve Ind	113 †	...	...	4.9	14.7
18	6½	Brooke Tool	16½				
73	36	Brown & Tawse	50	-3			
186	91	Bullough	163½	-½	...	4.6	71.5
24	11½	Business Tech▲	13½	-1			
28	12	CI Group	20	...	0.5	3.6	19.2
54	11	Campbll & Arm	53				
39	6½	Cannon St	31½				
273	205	Cape	273	...	...	4.8	18.5
455	254	Caradon	397	-6	...	2.7	32.1
215½	128	-do- pf	193½	-1	7.2	4.7	...
293	178	Carclo Eng	269 †	+1	...	4.0	20.0
10	7	Care UK	7 ↓	-½			
2867½	2025	Carnaud Mtl	2250	-21½	...	2.8	∞
104	68	Cassidy Bros▲	92 †	+2	...	3.3	22.3
251	158	Castings	251	...	4.6	2.3	17.7
71	53	Cathay Intl	55				
250	213	Celltech	219				
195	113	Chamberlin Hill	185	...	6.5	4.4	11.6
812	605	Charter	765	-1	...	3.6	11.7
360	220	Chemring	334	-11	...	3.4	17.3
92	46	Chieftain Gp▲	58	...	4.5	9.7	12.4
47	15½	Chillington	45	-2	1.0	2.8	...
246	144	Christies Int	225	-2	...	0.8	55.9
80	34	Claybithe	65	...	...	5.0	...
150	55	Clayton Son	127				
455	295	Cohen (A)	453	...	3.4	0.9	...
297	179	Community H	285 †	-1	...	3.2	16.2
263	166½	Concentric	245	-2	...	3.0	20.3
310	120	Cook (Wm)	299	-3	6.0	2.5	18.1
284½	182	Cookson	284½	+11½	...	2.8	∞
110	38	Copymore▲	110	...	4.0	4.6	∞
238	130	Crawl Fir 'A'	165	-1	...	4.4	22.1
178	92	Cosalt	138	-6	...	4.9	...
285	150	Creighton Nt▲	278	-1	7.4	3.3	19.9
48	27	CremaCare	38	...	0.6	2.1	32.9
4075	2993½	Dana	3793½	+50			
388	78½	Danka Br Sys	369	...	...	0.5	35.1
296	193	David Brown	286	...	...	2.6	20.3
994	603	De La Rue	984	-6	...	2.4	23.7
41	18	Dinkie Heel	41	...	1.1	3.4	32.6
628	391	Diploma	573½	-2	...	2.6	23.0
97	50	Dobson Park	90	...	...	5.2	20.4
134	92	Dyson (J&J)	120 †	...	3.0	5.2	22.1

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
97	57	-do- 'A'	87 †	...	5.0	7.2	16.0
16½	8	EFG	15				
442	358	EIS	435	-2	...	3.5	17.2
28	15	Elelef	16½				
53	19	Eleco	48				
34½	1750	Electrolux 'B'	3428½	-50	...	1.5	∞
90	43	Elliott (B)	89				
548	394	Eng China Cl	511	+1	...	4.9	29.7
146	111	Enviromed	132 #				
3962½	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3031½	-12½	...	1.0	...
86	32	Eurocopy	76 †	...	...	2.8	22.4
87	47	Expamet	77	...	...	4.1	∞
778	490	Fairey Group	740	+1	10.7	1.8	22.8
146	47	Fenner	144				
103	32	Ferraris Group	103	...	...	2.4	15.3
29	9	Ferranti	9	...	1.4	19.4	6.3
66	28	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	...
251	102	Flomes	132	+2	...	4.1	...
60	29	Flowitton	48 †	...	...	9.1	...
288	215	Flogas	278 †	...	...	3.8	12.7
51	33	Folkes Group nv	49	...	1.5	3.8	27.8
126	56	French (Thomas)	124 †	...	...	3.7	26.6
264	162	Frost Group	235	+1	...	2.4	30.4
88	70	GEI Int	87	...	...	3.5	...
601½	420½	GKN	561 †	+1	...	4.7	35.7
60	42	GR Hldgs	64	...	...	3.5	...
134	79	Garton Eng	125	...	4.1	4.1	...
191	103	Gestetner	175 †	-1	...	2.1	...
68	23	Glaves	61	...	...	...	44.1
801	509	Glaxo	663½	-14½	...	4.5	15.8
44½	16	Glenchewton	39				
404	245	Glynwed	399	+12	11.6	3.7	∞
190	66	Goode Durrant	190	+2	...	3.6	...
185	102	Grampian Hld	173	-1	5.5	4.0	30.0
598	341	Granada	549 †	+4	...	2.0	21.7
486	301	Great Sthrn▲	486	...	11.4	2.9	20.0
117	73	Green (Ernst)▲	83	...	...	10.5	12.6
15½	8½	Greenacre▲	14½	...	...	2.6	14.3
17	5	Guardian Grp▲	6 #				
88	30½	Haden MacLn	80				
102	44	Hadleigh Inds▲	97	...	1.0	1.3	...
80	31	Halkin Hldgs	68	...	...	...	53.1
320	115	Hall Eng	307	-1	8.6	3.5	25.6
256	161	Halma	227	-2	...	1.2	28.4
71	30	Hampson Ind	62	...	1.7	3.4	20.5
302	222	Hanson	270½	+1½	...	5.3	25.1
221	146	Harris (Philip)	150	...	...	5.7	9.1
220	147	Harrisn Crsfld	209	+2	9.0	5.4	30.2
171	38	Havelock Euro	147				
51	20	Hay (Norman)	45				
50	17	Headway	41	+1	...	2.1	...
13½	1½	Healthcare	1½ #	...	...	...	0.5
511	301	Hepworth	473	...	14.8	3.9	20.4
228	154	Hewitt (J)	183	...	3.2	2.2	14.3
73	15	High-Point	52	-3	0.5	1.2	...
203	112½	Hill & Smith	187 †	...	...	4.1	19.6
28	6½	Hobson▲	27 #				
191	87	Holders Tech▲	191	...	6.0	3.9	24.9
63	30	Hopkinsons	58	...	0.9	1.9	43.9
216	133	Hornby▲	213	...	9.0	5.3	20.1
103	54½	Howden	101	...	...	2.8	16.0
280	246	Hozelock	257	...	...	2.9	18.3
265	173	Hunting	249	...	...	5.0	21.0
513	269½	Huntleigh Tec▲	490	...	...	1.0	32.5
379	247	IMI	355	+2	...	3.5	28.7
135	90	ISA Intl	131	...	1.5	1.5	20.4
205	131	Intercare Gp▲	138 †	...	...	3.2	13.2
325	235	Isotron	323	-2	4.4	1.7	18.0
710	360	Jardine Math	539	-22½	...	2.3	19.5
610	425	Johnson Matth	587	-7	...	2.4	21.7
64	35½	Johnson & FB	44½	...	...	3.8	42.4
177	104	Johnston	156	...	3.2	...	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	28				
36	18	Jourdan (T)	30	...	0.7	3.1	...
187½	73	Kalon	178½	-2	...	3.0	∞
297	195	Kelsey Ind	280 †	...	8.0	3.8	∞
805	465	Kenmare (A)	753 †	...	...	4.5	38.9
276	75	Kleeneze	248 †	-1	...	0.5	...
422	266	Laird	387	...	...	3.4	19.1
170	103	Lilleshall	161	...	...	3.6	17.2
225	97	Linread	225	...	...	3.3	15.9
51	4½	Lincoln Hse▲	41	-1	...	...	20.9
136	76	Linread	136	+2	3.9	3.7	∞
355	170	Linton Park	345	...	...	5.1	12.5
15½	9½	Lionheart	11	...	0.2	2.3	...



YOUR INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE BROKING PARTNER C E HEATH
· 133 HOUNDSDITCH LONDON EC3A 7AH TELEPHONE: 071 234 4000

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	0.8	6.4	24.0
274	97	Lon Intl	147	...	6.2	5.3	...
175½	70	Londin	159 †	+2	...	3.1	78.4
431	269	Low & Bonar	419	-6	...	3.0	∞
49	14½	ML Hldgs	43	-1			
87	27	MS Ind	62	...	...	5.0	38.0
70	39	MY Holdings	60 †	...	...	2.6	15.8
271	168	Macfarlane	248	-5	...	1.7	28.1
539	379	McKechnie	513	+3	...	3.6	24.7
127	85	McLeod Russel	115	...	...	6.6	17.0
106	63	Magnolia	99	...	0.1	0.1	15.9
161	71	Mang Bronze	161	...	...	1.9	26.6
21½	19½	Marling	21½	...	...	4.9	...
231	124	Mayborn▲	218	...	3.2	3.0	16.7
64	29	Mayflower	59	...	...	1.0	49.3
236	85	Medeva	148	-1½	...	2.0	12.0
120	88	Meggitt	115½	...	...	4.1	19.7
131	98	Metalr	131	...	...	3.6	21.4
154	112	Metrotect	124	...	...	3.3	17.2
119	70	Metsec	119				
124	29	Midstates	113	...	...	0.8	15.7
575	368	Molins	549	...	...	3.3	13.2
408	262	Morgan Cble	388	+4	...	4.1	20.3
216	134	Morris Ashby▲	216 †	...	3.7	3.3	16.4
51	18	Neopsend	43	-1	1.0	2.9	57.7
80	34	Nestor-BNA	74	...	3.1	5.3	17.7
249	122	Nobo Gp	247 †	...	5.3	2.7	24.4
212½	122½	Norcros	189	-3	...	4.6	27.6
51	32	Novo Group	32	...	...	4.3	10.3
81	36	Office Elec Mac	52				
64	21	OMI Intl	56	...	...	3.9	...
175	123	PCT▲	174	...	7.2	5.2	19.8
91	36	Pacer Systems▲	70	...	...	6.4	∞
43	31	Pascoe's	36				
138	87½	Pentland	102	-1	...	3.2	13.9
395	280	Photo-Me	288 †	-5	4.7	2.0	17.3
206	97½	Pilkington	189	-2	...	1.7	...
110	68	Plantsbrook	108	-1	3.4	4.0	∞
185	125	Polypipe	174	-1	...	1.6	22.2
42	15	Porter Chadbrn	23	...	...	2.2	10.5
376	270	Powerscreen	277	-15	...	3.1	14.4
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	22 †	...	...	4.5	12.8
77	33½	RPS Group▲	75	...	2.3	3.8	16.6
108	73	Radiant Metal	100				
186	77	Ramco Oil▲	153	...	1.0	0.8	51.2
1118	636	Rank Org	1083	-30	...	3.6	23.5
33	13	Ransomes	22				
725	532	Reckitt Colm	668	-9	...	3.1	15.4
95	50	Record	95	...	3.6	4.9	∞
7½	2½	Reece	4½				
291	131	Relyon	271	+3	5.0	2.3	32.5
308	208	Renishaw	285	...	...	2.9	36.5
149	55	Renold	146½	...	...	1.5	...
2159	1240	Reuters	2097	-6	...	1.6	28.9
87	24½	Rexmore	87	...	2.0	2.9	...
201	91	Ricardo Group	176	-3	...	4.0	24.9
76	58	Richard (Leics)	70	...	3.7	4.7	...
108	65	Richardson West	105	...	3.0	3.6	26.9
155	109	Royner	155	...	8.2	6.7	22.0
152	97	-do- 'A'	152	...	8.2	6.8	21.5
38	14	Russ Gp	19½	...	0.6	4.2	8.0
195	131½	Rotork	187	-3	...	2.5	21.9
190	89	Rubicon	160 †	...	...	3.4	20.2
75	43	Russell (A)	71	...	...	0.9	...
38	15	SEP Indl	37 †	...	0.8	2.7	∞
1337½	625	SKF 'B'	1250				
272	205	Scapa	242	-1	...	2.9	18.0
238	179	Scholl	191	-1	...	4.1	13.9
323	242	Scotts	248				
1291	917	Securicor	1233 †	-3	...	0.3	36.4
1036	562	-do- 'A'	940 †	-13	...	0.4	27.8
892	465	Security Serv	800 †	-5	...	0.9	30.5
154½	77	Senior Eng	146	...	...	2.7	24.4
361	278	Seton Health	319	-1	...	2.4	18.8
166	88	Shiloh	153	...	3.0	2.5	16.5
349	271	Siebaw	333	...	...	3.9	16.5
626	427	Siebe	625 †	+3	...	2.1	22.0
383	220	Silentnight	345	...	...	2.9	18.7
181	102	Sime Darby	159	+3	...	3.1	17.2
142	32	Simon Eng	108½	-5½			
259	180	Sinclair (Wm)	224	-1	...	3.9	18.0
47	35	Six Hundred	42	...	...	4.5	...
164	134	Smith & Neph	143½	-1	...	4.1	15.9
511	373	Smithkline	398 †	+1	...	3.4	16.1
450	340	Smthkine Uts	364 †	+2	...	3.7	14.7
527½	420	Smiths Ind	498	+2	...	3.0	20.0
140	58	Stlm Bus	95	...	...	4.9	4.9

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
585	265	Spandex▲	570	-5	...	1.5	25.3
460	300	Spear (JW)	550	...	14.5	3.3	10.3
471	314	Spirax-Sarco	400	...	...	2.8	25.7
132½	41½	Spring Ram	68½	-2	...	0.9	...
250	201	Staveley	235	-2	...	4.5	13.3
242	126	Sterling Ind	238	...	...	3.1	36.5
230	97	Suter	201	-1	...	5.9	17.3
611	364	Swire Pacfc 'A'	469½	-18½	...	1.9	∞
7	1	Sycamore	4				
78	50	Sykes-Pick	51	...	3.0	7.5	9.8
178	120	Sytone	174	-2	...	3.4	25.1
455	279	TI	434	+8	...	3.1	29.6
44	12	TLS Range▲	38	...	0.2	0.8	...
375	211	TT Group	362	+7	...	2.3	22.3
292	202	Tabuse	276	-1	...	0.8	24.0
868	618	Takeda Chem	804½	-17	...	0.8	15.2
68	24	Tex Hldgs	48				
109	70	Tilbey (E)▲	97	...	...	3.2	16.7
240	150	[illegible]	220	...	...	2.4	18.3
283	212½	Tomkins	255 †	-2	...	3.2	18.8
124	59	Trafalgar H	109 †	+3	...	3.7	...
116	61	Transfer Tech	93	...	3.2	4.3	11.7
190	120	Triplex Lloyd	161	...	...	5.4	19.4
318	214	UniChem	303	-4	6.4	2.6	19.8
440	279	Unitate	438 †	...	...	2.4	23.8
76	11½	Unigroup	51				
1249	938	Unilever	1088½	-19½	25.0	2.9	∞
[illegible]	6262½	Unilever (NV)	7421½	+12½	...	2.8	12.3
24½	9	Utd Inds	17½ #				
1093	913	VSEL	1085	-5	...	3.6	11.3
31½	6½	Verson	23	-½			
196	95½	Vickers	185	...	...	2.0	22.9
367	243	Victaulic	314	...	...	3.1	15.5
522	283	Vinten	511	...	...	1.8	23.8
805	425	Vosper Thorny	798	...	...	2.6	18.5
48	33	WSP Hldgs	45	...	...	3.5	11.7
525	368	Wagon Ind	523	...	...	4.2	23.1
8½	1½	Wakebourne	3½	...	...	...	20.5
114	71	Walker Greenbk	107	...	3.1	3.6	27.3
304	201	Wassall	285	+1	2.7	1.2	28.8
51	22	Wedtrd Wdgwd	46	+1			
384	252	Weir	337	-1	...	2.3	19.0
993	604	Wellcome	635	-11	...	3.4	13.5
30	16	Wellman	27½	...	0.9	4.1	44.9
403	260	West Fitheare	390 †	...	...	1.4	23.8
548	455	Whatman	545	...	9.7	2.2	18.5
353	211	Whessoe	295	...	...	4.0	12.0
111	22	Whitecroft	105	-1	...	...	...
13½	4½	Widney	12½				
191	44	Wilkes (James)	161	...	...	3.5	47.1
421	289½	Williams Hldg	413	+4	12.5	3.8	21.6
53	17	Wilshaw	49	...	...	1.4	30.9
920	533	Wolseley	898	...	...	1.9	26.8
155	125	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	1.5	1.2	58.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	...	1.4	...
96	38	Young (H)	79	-1	...	5.2	...

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High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1989½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1312½	-31½	...	5.1	...
2406½	1731½	Am Gen	1762½	+18½	...	4.4	...
86	30	Archer	57	...	...	2.2	...
165	118	Bradstock	137 †	...	...	5.0	15.5
550	359½	Britannic	450	-4	...	3.2	...
117	96	CLM Insce	107				
711	556	Com Union	591 †	-6	...	5.3	19.6
1925	1225	Dom & Gen	1915	-5	...	1.6	25.2
64	38	FAI	52	-2	...	0.9	...
194	165	Fenchurch Grp	183	...	...	4.9	16.3
757	548	Gen Accident	615	-11	...	5.8	13.2
247	160	GRE	192	+1	...	4.9	2.7
457	283	Heath C E	396	-2	...	5.1	...
228	122	Hogg Gp	144	-1	8.1	7.1	13.1
322	255	Independent Ins	290	...	...	3.6	26.6
215	162	IIB Group	182	...	...	5.2	18.7
547	408½	Legal & Gen	486	-8	...	5.0	29.5
1318½	768½	Liberty Life	1318½	-18½	...	2.4	21.0
121	99	LIMIT	105	-½	...	...	...
471	389	Lloyds Abbey	395 †	+3	...	5.7	12.7
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	289	...	6.7	2.9	18.0
443	274	Londn & Man	401	...	14.7	4.6	28.5
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	441	...	14.0	4.0	15.8
6743½	5259½	Marsh McLn	5912½	-37½	...	3.3	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	171	+1	...	4.1	17.1
131	76	Oriel	125	-1	...	5.0	...
83	50½	PWS	81 †	...	...	6.2	15.0
385	292½	Prudential	318	-3	...	4.8	21.1
404	266½	Refuge	380	...	...	3.5	42.4
330	248	Royal	282 †	+2	...	3.3	12.8
204	150	Sedgwick	199 †	+4	...	3.8	22.0
261	100	Steel Burrill	119	...	...	12.6	7.0
89	48	Stenge Hldgs	77 †	...	...	4.9	65.4
418	307	Sun Alliance	329	-7	14.2	5.4	...
91	50	Trade Indemnity	87				
464	239	Transatlantic	423 ↓	...	...	3.6	38.1
773	499	Utd Friendly	635	...	15.1	3.0	27.2
245	171	Willis Corroon	207	-1	...	4.0	29.7
78	13½	Windsor	26	...	...	...	20.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2058	1548	Alliance	1919	-1	45.5	3.0	...
161	124	BZW Conv	153	...	7.8	6.4	...
219	135½	Bankers	202½	+1½	...	2.3	...
381	264	Baring Tribne	347 †	...	...	2.4	...
243	131	Berry Starq	240	...	2.2	1.1	...
120½	96½	Br Assets	109½	-½	...	5.0	...
98	57½	Br Empire Sec	94	...	...	1.2	...
46	14	-do- Wnts	37½				
234	156	Br Inv	213	...	4.6	2.7	...
272	174	Brunner	254 †	...	...	2.6	...
221	130	Contl Asset	209 †	...	...	1.8	...
195	143	Derby Inc	153	...	...	12.9	...
325	195	-do- Cap	290				
100	62	Drayton Blue	94	...	8.4	11.2	...
111	35	-do- Eng Intl	102	...	1.0	1.2	...
156	84	-do- Far Eas	143 †	-1	...	0.6	...
177	95	-do- Korea	161	-1	0.5	0.4	...
784	576	Dunedin Inc G	741	+1	26.1	4.5	∞
108	76	-do- Japan	103½				
80	34	-do- Warrants	72				
827	513	-do- Wwde	795	+1	...	1.5	...
341	222	Dundee & Lon	329	...	...	3.4	...
360	250½	Edinburgh	324½	-½	8.5	3.3	...
354	183	Electra Inv	319	...	...	2.7	...
220	141	Electric Gen	203	...	3.1	1.9	...
127	85	English Scot	119 ↓				
345	205	European Asset	334	-1	...	1.6	∞
172	77	Finsbury 'A'	157	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	248	Fleming Amer	320 †	-1	...	0.6	...
145	91	Fleming Chinese	105	-½			
92	52	-do- Warrants	62	-1			
267	190½	-do- Claver	236	...	5.5	2.9	∞
385	212	Do Contl	363	...	2.7	0.9	...
264	147	-do- Emrg	243 †	-1	...	2.5	...
499	213	-do- F East	376	-1	1.1	0.4	...
422	246	-do- Fledg	396 †	...	3.0	0.9	∞
122	93	-do- Hi Inc	109 †	+1	...	5.1	...
273	136	-do- Japan	263	-2	...	0.2	...
347	250	-do- Merc	318	-½	6.7	2.6	∞
347½	212	-do- Ovsas	318 †	...	4.2	1.7	...
311	203	Foreign & Col	299	...	...	1.5	...
148	56½	-do- Emg Mkts	120	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	44	-do- Enterprise	73 †	+1	0.6	1.0	∞
259	164	-do- Eurotst	247	...	...	0.6	...
145	87	-do- German	128	...	0.5	0.5	...
374	191	-do- Pacific	349	+1	...	0.8	...
192	116	-do- Smaller	183	+½	1.8	1.3	...
303	145	GT Japan	288	-2	...	0.5	...
197	65	Genl Cons Cap	194				
129½	96½	-do- Inc	109 †	+2	...	10.0	...
191	115	Govett Am Smlr	174				
151	94	-do- Emg Mkt	128	-1			
110	96	Govett High Inc	97	...	...	7.0	...
429	184	-do- Oriental	390	-1	0.9	0.3	...
346	207	-do- Strategy	314	-1	...	2.7	...
475	340	Greenfriar	468 †	...	...	1.8	...
19	5	Gresham House	19				
103	94	Herald	103				
158	124	Inv Cap	139 †	...	...	4.6	...
119	77	I&S UK Smlr	108	...	3.8	3.2	...
243	156½	Kleinwort Chrt	217½	+1	...	3.0	...
272½	176	-do- O'seas	250	...	3.4	1.7	∞
165	108	-do- Smlr	162	...	3.5	2.7	∞
826	540	Law Debenture	754	...	18.5	3.1	...
227	164	Majedie	215	...	...	2.9	...
324	221	Merchants	299	...	...	4.8	...
3343½	1850	Merrill Lynch	2725	-50	...	...	...
595	383	Monks Inv Tst	551	-2	...	1.5	
158	105	Morg Grenf Inc	146	+1	...	5.9	
64	33	Do Warrants	51				
148	58	Murray Ent	131	...	...	1.9	∞
£1290	£1117½	-do- Pf 1994	£1260				
58	41	-do- Warrants	41				
68	39	Murray Euro	64	-½	0.1	0.1	
25½	4½	Do Wts	20½				
393	282	Murray Incme	357 †	-1	11.3	4.0	∞
395	266	-do- Intl	370	-1	11.6	4.0	∞
548	263	-do- Small	496	-1½	...	1.1	
103	82	-do- S/C Inc	83 †	...	...	16.0	...
174	73	-do- S/C Cap	140				
3400	2750	-do- S/C Uts	3400 †	...	...	3.9	
160	142½	-do- S/C DP	154				
363	230	-do- Vent	340	...	...	4.0	...
95	68	Nwthrop Inc	84 †	...	6.7	10.2	
404	249	O'seas Inv Tst	371	...	...	1.1	
647	385	Pacific Assets	535	-4	1.2	0.3	∞
545	187	Do Warrants	440	-2			
9400	7650	Personal Assets	9250	...	190	2.6	
189	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	177	...	1.1	0.8	
127	108	River & Merc	116 †	...	...	9.9	∞
465	350	Robeco	448	...	...	2.8	
463	346	Rolinco	463	...	...	1.7	
343	214	St Andrew Inv	327	...	7.8	3.0	∞
183	131	Scot American	169½	...	...	3.4	
371	136	Scot Asian	298	-1			
1090	225	do Warrants	850	-10			
97½	63½	-do- Eastern	87½	-½	1.5	2.1	∞
262½	183	Scottish	237	-1	...	2.0	
264½	178	-do- Mrge	233½	-1	4.0	2.1	
133½	71	-do- Value	124	...	...	1.8	
1765	1380	Second Allnce	1648 †	+1	...	3.0	
106	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	96½	-½	1.2	4.2	
179	109½	Selective Asset	176 †	...	...	1.0	
51½	14	Sphere Inv	48½	-½	1.4	8.8	∞
205	112	TR Far East	172 †	-2	...	3.6	
177½	126	TR City Of Lon	159½	-½	...	3.8	
249	110	TR Pacific	205	-1	0.3	0.2	∞
43½	17	TR Property	39	-½	0.9	2.6	
152	47	TR Tech Inv	145	+1	1.7	1.5	
228	146	TR Smlr Cos	215 †	...	...	2.2	
412	283	Temple Bar	367 †	-1	...	4.6	
135	69	Thrgmtn Asian E	115	-2	0.5	0.5	...
108	54	Throgmorton	84½	...	...	3.4	...
553	361	Throg Dual Cp	508				
289	178	USDC Invest	256	...	4.5	2.2	∞
129	76½	Value Inc Tst	118½	-1½	4.0	4.3	...
257½	181	Witan	237 †	+1	...	3.1	

LEISURE

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
586½	269	Airtours	522	...	...	2.2	17.9
64	41	Ald Leis	43	...	...	8.7	14.0
668	194	Anglia TV	640	...	...	1.8	30.1
131	63	Baldwin	101 †	...	3.5	4.3	∞
312	192	Barr & W 'A'	312	...	10.0	4.0	20.1
1400	930	Boosey Hwks	1300	...	22.0	2.1	19.5
205	90	Border TV▲	177 †	-2	3.6	2.5	14.4
10½	4	Brent Walker	5½	-½			
150	48	Bristol Scotts	120				
9	2½	Buckingham Int	6				
292	44	Campari	58	...	8.7	18.9	
439	171	Capital Radio	389	-1	...	1.8	34.3
1047	520	Carlton Comm	976 †	+4	...	2.4	33.2
304	158	Castle Comm▲	289	...	...	3.7	10.2
3130	1615	Central TV	2925	...	39.0	1.7	31.9
163	61	Chrysalis	141 †	...	3.2	2.9	
748	470	Compass Gp	717 †	...	...	2.2	20.0
350	175	Eurocamp	246 †	-9	9.7	5.0	10.2
1180	268	Euro Disney	409½	+11½	...	2.8	
8	1½	Euro Leisure	3½	+½			
43½	18	Ex-Lands	39½	-½	...	1.1	
419	245	Fairline Boats	383 †	...	...	3.4	36.0
378	232	First Leisure	319 †	-1	...	2.6	21.6
478	68	Flextech▲	401	-17	0.5	0.2	
1033	298	GWR Gp▲	973 †	-5	9.0	1.2	∞
303	149	Grampian	285	-1	6.5	2.9	19.7
22	4½	Greenwich Comm▲	16				
161	19	HTV Group	147	-1	1.0	0.9	∞
96	30	Hi-Tec Sports	92	...	...	3.1	
18½	5½	Kunick	16½	-½	...	...	15.8
752	405	LWT Hldgs	721	+1	...	0.9	33.3
700	327	Man Utd	695	...	...	3.5	28.0
51	7½	Northern	47	...	...	...	9.0
148	59	Owners Abrd	124 †	...	3.5	3.5	∞
89	33	The Pelican Gp	85	...	1.1	1.6	19.0
183	55	Prism Leisure▲	175	...	3.5	2.5	16.2
43	16	Quadrant Grp	38	-2			
234	132	Ramsdens (H)	230 †	...	4.5	2.4	∞
628	274	Scott Radio▲	585	...	...	2.0	26.0
574	410	Scot TV	531	-4	10.3	2.4	28.1
40½	13½	SelecTV▲	34½	-1			
117	37	Southern Radio	107	-2	...	1.5	47.4
346	164	Stanley Leisure	346 †	...	...	1.9	28.0
148	115	Sunset & Vine	147	...	3.3	3.0	22.4
420	345½	Tanjong	365	...	...	0.5	18.7
2½	1	Ticketing▲	1½				
117	75	Tottenhm Hot	81	-1	...	3.1	31.0
182	44	Trans World▲	167	-2	1.3	1.0	60.5
760	274	Ulster TV	724	-2	12.0	2.1	22.2
145½	62	Vardon	144	...	1.1	1.0	∞
375	130	Yorkshire TV	342	-1	3.3	1.2	...
126	83	Zetters Gp	125	...	8.0	8.0	14.1

MINING

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3675	1125	Ang Am	3275	-53½	...	2.1	27.8
1887½	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1887½	+25	...	4.9	9.7
6518½	1800	Ang Am Gold	5818½	...	...	4.0	25.2
34	8½	Anglo Pac Res▲	33½	-½			
405	115	Bakyrchik	298	-2			
197	33	Blyvoors	137½	+1½			
46	18	Bracken	30½	...	...	28.3	5.3
896	233	Buffels	696 †	...	...	9.3	6.2
6	1	Butte	3½				
930½	546	CRA	820½	-18½	...	2.5	26.2
54	11	Castl Res	51½	-½			
1750	762½	De Beers	1612½	-50	...	3.4	∞
165	37½	Deelkraal	100½	+3½	...	2.0	7.4
96	7	Doornfontein	37				
914	388	Driefontein	722	-2½	...	4.6	13.0
785	120	Durban	557½				
201	47	E Rand Gold	112½	...	...	0.7	3.3
175	35	E Rand Prop	88				
604	117	Elandsrand	335½	...	...	5.9	∞
1239	392	FS Cons	882½	-2½	...	7.3	11.3
80	8	FS Dev	40				
1800	725	GFSA	1356½	-31½	...	2.9	22.8
150	62½	Gencor	140½	-3½	...	4.7	15.7
80½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	64½	-1	...	2.2	26.3
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	16½				
202	49	Grootvlei	114 †	...	...	8.7	7.2
416	78	Harmony	356½	-2½			
430	87	Hartles	326	-2½	...	8.7	8.1
21½	8½	Inoco	14½	...	...	...	14.4
1028½	490½	Impala Plat	906½	+9½	...	3.1	29.7
16½	6	Kenmare Res▲	15				
1319½	331½	Kinross	956½	...	...	6.5	10.6
913	319	Kloof	659½	-2½	...	3.7	7.8
137	25	Leslie	79½	...	...	14.9	4.1
359	13	Loraine	187½				
980	620	Lydenburg	950	...	...	2.2	
149	80	MIM	143½	-2	...	1.6	62.4
1512	820	Minorco	1382	-15	...	2.8	16.3
201½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	167½	-2	...	3.0	25.8
4587½	612½	Orange Free	2278½	-46½	...	5.6	13.4
899	607	RTZ	855	+2	...	3.0	26.0
225	106½	Rand Mines	187½	...	...	6.0	7.1
801½	150	Randfontein	579½	+9½	...	7.1	5.8
295	115	Renison	225	...	...	2.0	23.3
1346½	850	Rustnbrg	1253½	+28½	...	2.6	28.6
756	191	St Helena	630½	...	...	6.8	13.0
2887½	475	Southvaal	1787½	...	...	5.2	∞
119	18	Stilfontein	79½	...	...	26.1	14.8
328	38	Unisel	102½	...	...	4.3	9.8
7600	1800	Vaal Reefs	6084½	-3½	...	4.4	∞
813	154	Welkom	584	-7½	...	5.8	13.0
640	26	Western Areas	571½	+4½	...	4.6	4.0
3362½	587½	Western Deep	2600½	-12½	...	4.2	∞
398	176	Wstm Mining	340½	-8½	...	1.6	...
1225	321½	Winkels	731½	+18½	...	6.3	7.0
84	49	Zambia Copper	58	-1			
68	18	Zandpan	52	...	...	8.9	17.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
263	233	Abbey Panels	283				
135	95	Airflow Stream	115	...	3.0	3.3	11.1
175	78	Appleyard	162	...	...	4.0	...
405	203	Bletchley Mtr	393	-10	...	2.9	20.0
231	120	Bostrom	230	...	6.0	3.3	40.7
584	165	Br Aerospace	519 †	+11	...	2.0	45.6
58	19½	Burndene	47	...	...	4.7	12.6
465	303	Caffyns	428	-5	11.5	3.4	22.7
22	4½	Caverdale	20½	-½			
143	98	Central Mtr▲	125 †	...	...	4.0	30.9
43	18	Cook (DC)▲	37	...	0.9	3.0	21.0
348	156	Cowie (T)	329	-1	7.8	3.0	∞
205	86	Dag Motors	195	...	5.7	3.7	35.3
157	102½	Davnprt Vern	153 †	...	...	3.4	15.2
332	153	ERF	331	...	2.0	0.8	...
173	92	European Mtr	151	...	...	3.1	21.2
516	208	Evans Halshaw	515	...	11.4	2.8	79.4
308	211	FR Group	287	-1	...	3.1	13.4
4718½	2843½	Ford Motor	4287½	-37½			
4387½	2143½	General Mtr	4175	+25	...	1.3	...
90	38	Gowrings	82	...	2.0	3.0	...
354	85	Henlys	353	...	7.5	2.8	∞
1146½	769	Honda Motor	1106	-7½	...	0.8	...
48	15	Jacks (Wm)	41				
116	66	Jessups	90	-2	4.5	6.2	...
184	97	Kwik-Fit	162	...	...	2.7	22.9
573	281	Lex Service	560	+5	...	2.5	30.6
276	85	Lookers	275	...	...	3.0	26.4
239	126	Lucas	220	+3	...	4.0	...
29½	21	Malaya Grp	27½				
310	224½	Pendragon	307½	-1½	...	2.6	25.3
238	101½	Perry Gp	234	...	...	3.8	...
218	108	Quicks Group	212	...	...	2.8	27.1
188	96½	Rolls-Royce	181	+4½	...	3.3	...
249	164	T & N	245	-2	...	3.5	34.9
300	163	Trinity Hldgs	275	+4	...	2.5	25.7
221	125	Vanty (Reg)	218	...	...	2.5	25.5
338	121	Westland	329	...	...	1.7	23.1

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
355	103	Adscene	325 †	...	5.7	2.2	33.3
360	315	Black (A&C)	335	...	13.5	5.0	13.7
608	290	Blenheim Gp	341	-4	...	3.4	12.7
403	275	Bristol	400	...	...	3.8	36.1
1690	1100	Daily Mail	1515½	...	...	1.2	35.5
1484½	768½	Daily Mail 'A'	1275 ↓	-25	...	1.5	29.8
355	210	Dorling Kind	263	+1	...	1.6	23.8
6712½	4337½	Elsevier	6287½	-103½	...	1.5	21.6
476	322	EMAP	426	-10	...	2.4	26.3
1600	873	Euromoney Pb	1600	...	...	3.0	28.1
264	154	Harrington K	183	...	4.9	3.4	∞
515	155½	Haynes Pub	460	+5	...	1.9	25.7
390	334	Hodder H'line	390	...	5.1	1.7	33.2
180	99	Home Counts	170	...	5.2	3.9	...
195	30	Intl Bus Comm	192	...	...	...	27.8
15	6½	Int Cm & Data▲	12½	-½			
510	340	Independent	485	...	...	2.9	∞
668	395	Johnstne Press	668	+1	6.5	1.2	28.0
380	243	Metal Bulletn	380	+22	10.0	3.4	∞
203	88	Mirror Gp	174				
515	297	News Corp	473	-8	...	0.3	...
314	169	News Intl	279	-5	...	0.6	17.1
735	342	Pearson	685	-3	...	2.2	37.3
760	510	Portsmth Sund	755	...	...	1.6	20.8
904	618	Reed Int	903	-14	...	2.4	39.3
249	98	Southnews	248	...	2.3	1.2	45.9
200	90	Sterling Pub▲	200	...	...	1.9	24.3
608	328	Telegraph	583	-12	...	2.8	18.8
885	715	Thomson Corp	875 †	+40	30.1	4.3	43.7
472	313	Trinity Intl	465	...	9.0	2.4	27.9
39	21	Unit Group▲	30				
731	480½	Utd Nwsppprs	683	-5	...	3.9	19.0

OILS, GAS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	28	-½	...	...	27.3
61	33	Arcon Intl▲	42				
73½	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	69½	+1			
83	26	Aviva Pet	54				
16	3½	Beverley	8	...	...	...	79.5
233	145	Br Borneo	224	+2	7.1	4.0	6.8
361½	226	British Gas	309½	-3½	...	6.0	...
406½	225	Br Petroleum	353½	-9½	...	3.0	30.0
3½	1	Bula Resources	2½				
875	675	Burmah Castrl	811	-7	...	3.9	18.9
66	32	Cairn Energy	58½	...	...	...	8.4
375	223	Calor Gp	329	...	...	4.6	18.0
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	41	+½			
44	22½	Copiex Res	22½				
27½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	24½	...	...	...	20.4
521	397	Enterprise	420	-1	...	4.8	23.1
88	26	Exp Co Louis	65				
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	23½	-½	...	4.0	8.5
10½	4	Fortune	6				
67	49	Goal Pet	62	...	1.4	2.8	11.9
48	18	Gt Western Res	39	-½			
181	104½	Hardy O & G	156	-1	...	0.8	14.5
55	19½	Kelt Energy	48				
195	97	LASMO	120	+2	...	3.2	26.1
101	61	-do- Units	85	...	...	9.4	16.2
26	2	Mid Scot Res▲	6½				
101½	36	Monument	41				
9½	4	New London	8				
31	21	Nth Sea Assets	30	...	1.0	4.1	30.0
53	27	Oil Search	43	-1			
59½	31½	[illegible]	48½	-2½			
162	99	Pict Pet	162				
29½	16	Premier	25½	+½	...	...	9.1
168	90	[illegible]	158	...	...	4.2	
470	290	Ranger	343	-2	...	4.2	
7350	5151	Royal Dutch Fl	6834½	-109½	...	4.4	∞
4900	3600	Schlumberger	4062½	...	...	2.1	
67	47	Seafield	56	+1			
749	511	Shell	690½	-2½	...	4.4	∞
303	125	Sunrise Eng Sv	131				
41	15	Triton Europe	31				
16	6	Viters Grp	16½				
229½	115	Woodside	209½	-2½	...	1.8	

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	120	AG Holdings	172	...	...	3.9	15.6
444	289	API	425	...	...	2.4	30.0
300	144	Arjo Wiggins	289	+2	...	2.8	40.2
722	608	Abbott Mead	719	+1	9.5	1.7	17.7
40	13	Aegis Gp	20½	+½			
212	118	Aspen Comms▲	195	...	4.9	3.1	17.7
26	7	BBB Design▲	24				
472	221	Bemrose	499	-11	...	3.2	21.1
30½	7	Birkdale	10½				
193	118	Bunzl	180½	-1½	4.0	2.8	27.2
430	257	CIA Gp	396	...	4.4	1.4	35.0
290	93	Capital Inds	168	...	...	2.7	...
97	44	City of Lon▲	85	+2	...	5.7	15.2
492	160	Cropper (James)	432	...	3.2	0.9	41.7
114	51	Delyn Group	112	...	1.6	1.9	15.1
137	94	Dolphin Pack	126	...	4.5	4.5	31.1
87	42	Dudley Jenkins▲	81 †	...	...	4.9	17.7
16½	10½	Elwick	14	...	...	2.7	15.7
91	41	Fairway Group▲	91	...	...	4.7	18.1
430	271	Ferguson Intl	417	...	...	1.7	18.9
145	92	Ferry Pick	145	...	...	4.8	10.1
227	74	Filofax▲	207½	...	...	0.9	26.8
20	5	Fitch	10				
154	60	Gibbon Lyons▲	146	...	5.2	4.5	16.5
295	216	Gold Greenlees	239 †	...	8.4	4.4	21.8
41	17	Goodhead	30	...	...	0.2	∞
69	15	Hunterprint	17				
185	130	Intereurope	139	...	...	7.3	12.0
290	101	Jarvis Porter	285	...	...	2.1	36.6
31½	15½	Lopex	29				
38½	26	MMI	34				
431	175	More O'Ferrall	423	...	11.2	3.9	30.6
146	48	NMC Group	123	-2	2.7	2.8	19.0
300	66	Osborne & Little	295	...	...	1.2	32.4
60	6½	Osprey Comms	49	...	...	0.2	
600	455	Portals	608	+29	...	3.3	17.3
7½	6½	Premier Hlth	3½				
339	159	Quarto	336	...	...	2.1	30.7
405	220	St Ives Gp	385	-3	...	1.8	25.4
186	131	Saatchi	141	-1			
990	292	Sappi	588½	+8½	...	5.6	11.2
30½	8½	Senif	20				
56	14	Shandwick	50				
517	294	Smith David	511 †	-2	...	2.4	14.9
361	306	Smurfit (Jeff)	321	...	...	1.6	7.8
119	45	Somic	114	...	2.9	2.7	45.7
294	183	Stat-Plus	280	...	8.8	4.3	∞
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	32	...	0.3	1.3	26.8
141	98	VTR▲	140	...	...	3.3	21.1
129	43	WPP	124½	-½	...	1.0	17.0
264	62	Wace	236	...	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	252	...	...	4.0	18.9
492	270	Walmsgh	491	+1	...	1.5	38.5
7	3	Westports▲	4½				
44	12	Whinney Mcks▲	35				
107	55	Wyndeham	102 †	...	...	1.8	21.9

PROPERTY

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	118	...	...	3.7	30.8
48	35	Arcadian	43				
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8				
144	52	Asda	139	...	...	2.1	11.5
191	88	Avonside	162	-1	4.1	3.2	22.6
2617½	2062½	BCE▲	2571½	+31½			
765	306	Bilton	725	-1	18.9	3.3	26.2
107	17	Bourne End	101	...	...	1.3	...
276	150	Bradford	245	-1	5.9	3.0	24.8
23	5	Brodero	20½				
474	166½	Br Land	401	-7	...	2.2	37.1
257	140½	Brixton	225	...	...	4.7	17.8
118	39½	Burford	100	...	...	1.7	34.2
318	90	Cap & Regnl▲	302	-1	...	1.0	∞
300	120	Cardiff Prop	300 †	...	...	1.0	87.1
195	172	Chelsfield	177	...	...	1.7	...
678	196	Chesterfield	658	-2	11.5	2.2	47.1
84	12	City Site Estt	81				
35	12	Clarke Nickolls	34				
548	255	Compco	535	...	12.9	0.0	61.8
98	29½	Conrad Rbist GS	47 †	-1			
1755	818	Daejan	1655 †	...	...	2.0	30.4
65	5	Dares Estates	17½				
156	53	Debenhm Twsn	147	...	...	2.8	27.9
17	4	De Morgan	15				
189	76	Dencora	187	...	3.0	2.0	
721	263	Derwent Hldgs	708	...	8.7	1.5	...
45	10	Development Sec	39½				
65	24	Dwyer	60	-2			
460	170	Estates Agency	460	...	...	2.1	54.7
47	7½	Estates Gen	35				
132	66	Evans Of Leeds	129	...	...	3.3	22.8
37	11	Five Oaks	35				
78	30	Fletcher King	78	...	1.0	1.6	51.7
530	278½	Frogmore	499	-4	...	4.0	24.1
325	97	Grainger	320	...	...	2.1	57.2
280	116½	Gr Portland	237½	-2½	...	4.4	21.8
27½	3½	Greycoat	20				
269	101	HK Land	220½	-3½	...	2.9	29.1
94	35	Hambro Cntyw	74	-1	0.7	1.3	∞
435	233	Hammerson	410	-4	10.0	3.0	41.5
375	127	Helical Bar	373	...	...	1.6	13.4
45½	19	Hemingway	37½				
132	56	Herring Baker	71	...	3.7	6.6	17.8
315	133	Jermyn	245				
802	435	Land Sec	695	-8	23.1	4.2	20.7
122	73	Lon Merch Sec	112	-1	4.0	4.5	17.4
22½	8½	Lon & Metro	13				
565	315½	MEPC	491	+5	...	5.1	28.4
15½	5	McInerney A	12½				
190	90	McKay Secs	175 †	...	3.5	2.5	24.0
8½	2½	Markheath	6 #				
81	12	Merivale Mre	75				
55	39	Moorfield Est	46				
1368½	775	Mountview	1284½	...	22.0	2.1	13.4
196	112	Mucklow (A&J)	177	...	...	4.3	27.0
70	30	Olives Prop	61	-1			
10½	1½	ORB	2				
191	88	PSIT	179 †	...	4.3	3.1	35.5
399	138	Peel	363 †	+1	4.3	1.5	...
16	4½	Power Corp	8				
50	22	Property Trust	41	...	...	...	11.7
63	33	Raglan	51	-2			
40	11	Regalian	35				
170	130	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	1.5	1.1	21.2
84	16	St Modwen Prp	57 †	+1½	...	3.2	33.9
78	39	Saville Grdn (I)	71 †	...	...	4.8	35.4
100	39	Savills	85	+1	...	2.6	33.6
112	33½	Scot Met	94	-1	...	2.0	...
135	30	Shaftesbury	131	-1			
15½	5	Shield	12½	...	...	...	6.5
290	139½	Slough Estates	282	+4½	...	3.6	19.7
103	56	Southend Prop	91	-4	...	3.3	...
50	16	Stanhope Prps▲	44				
244	114	Town Ests	242 †	...	2.1	1.1	...
163	79	Town Centre	155	...	...	2.7	27.7
107	43	Trafford Park	100	-3	...	3.5	23.0
58	17	UK Land	41				
12	4	Union Square	9				
317	180	Warner	283 †	...	...	4.9	25.1
269	168	Warnford	248 †	...	7.5	3.8	18.2
8	2	Waterglade	2½				
104	34	Wates	89	+1½			
105	40	Wood John Da	101	...	...	0.9	...

SHOES, LEATHER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
41	11	Automagic▲	41	+4	...	...	...
228	84	Headlam	228	...	...	1.6	51.5
500	285	Lambert	385	-5	13.2	4.3	9.4
100	44	Pittards	63	...	1.5	3.0	18.0
30	20	Strong & Fisher	25	-1	1.0	5.2	∞
250	89	Stylo	245	...	...	1.5	...
67	53	UK Safety	66	...	...	4.9	2.2

TEXTILES

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	408	Allied Text	575 ↓	...	...	2.8	19.9
71	54	Beckman (A)	65	...	...	0.9	13.9
47	21	Baltm Gp	43	-2			
226	141	Br Mohair	211	...	8.5	5.0	19.8
68	15	Charwell▲	58				
365	298	Claremont Ga	365	+7	7.1	2.8	∞
601	449	Courtauld Text	540	...	13.9	3.2	15.0
53½	14	Cupid▲	14	-1			
248½	124	Dawson	159	-2	...	6.0	12.1
47	22	Drummond	35	+1			
89	65	Faupel▲	78	...	4.9	7.9	12.1
34	15	Foster (John)	27				
168	82	Gaskell	167	...	4.2	3.2	...
249	156	Hicking Pntcst	237	...	...	2.2	16.8
90	45	Jerome (S)	68	...	...	0.4	...
485	249	Lamont	464	-5	12.0	3.2	30.7
343½	235½	Leeds	336	...	...	2.1	17.7
122	73	Lyles (S)	89	-4	...	4.6	...
215	89	Magellan	174	+2	1.4	1.0	...
266	77½	Parkland	251	-2	...	0.8	...
112	82	Readicut	107	-½	...	4.0	20.2
70	35	SEET	66	-1			
147	72	Sirdar	139	-1	...	4.8	9.6
72	44	Stirling Gp	62	...	1.9	3.8	17.2
51	39	Stoddard	41	...	...	4.6	38.1
330	250	Tomkinsons	324	...	...	4.4	27.5
59	30½	West Trust	41 †	...	...	8.2	...
280	126	Yorklyde	265	...	...	2.5	17.4

TOBACCOS

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	485	+15	...	5.3	14.1
495	315½	Rothmans	433	-8	...	3.6	13.6

TRANSPORT

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
627	349	Assoc Br Ports	574	+1	...	2.0	∞
1083	707	BAA	995	+12	...	2.1	24.7
128	106	Badgerline	127	...	...	4.0	∞
495½	249	Br Airways	418	-3	...	3.3	17.5
113	56	Clarkson (H)	97	...	1.7	2.3	...
665	332	Eurotunnel Uts	583	+3			
87	44	Fisher (James)	85	...	0.5	0.7	23.8
293	147	IoM Steam	287	...	...	3.7	15.0
55	24	Jacobs (JI)	48	-1	0.5	1.3	...
111	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	107	...	...	1.2	19.0
534	364	Mersey Docks	509 †	-1	9.0	2.2	∞
292	181	Natl Express	275	...	...	3.2	28.4
291	218	NFC	262 †	-2	...	3.3	40.2
348	244	Ocean Group	320	+2	...	5.6	...
91	40	Ocean Wilson	83	...	4.0	6.0	15.0
728	504	P & O Dfd	697	+2	...	5.5	37.4
194	127	P & O 5 1/2%	156	...	...	4.4	...
705	448	Powell Duffryn	672	+3	...	4.2	21.3
241	117	Seacon▲	228 †	...	...	3.1	20.7
306	112	Stagecoach	194	...	...	2.4	23.8
121	31½	TNT	106½	-3½			
915	624	Tibbet & Britn	870	+2	12.6	1.8	30.4
382	37	Tiphook	44	-3			
337	222	TDG	284	-25	...	4.3	∞
132	98	Ugland	120				

WATER

High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	507 †	-8	...	5.3	9.0
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	304	...	...	3.7	13.4
761	547	Northumbrian	648 †	-6	...	4.5	7.8
611	431½	North West	524 †	-3	...	5.2	8.7
645	439	Severn Trent	548 †	-8	...	4.9	8.0
685	454	Sthrn Water	561 †	-8	...	4.9	8.2
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1568	...	48.5	3.0	11.2
675	465	South West	576 †	-2	...	5.3	9.1
611	454	Thames Water	526	-5	...	5.1	8.2
744	506	Welsh Water	656 †	-8	...	4.8	6.6
759½	536	Wessex Water	638 †	-4	...	4.4	10.1
630	477½	Yorkshire W	537 †	-9	...	5.2	8.8

Source: Finstar

▲ USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ¶ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
109	101	Exch 13¼% 1994	101	...	13.35	5.02
105	101	Treas 10% 1994	101	-	9.88	4.98
110	103	Exch 12½% 1994	103	...	12.08	4.82
105	102	Treas 9% 1994	102	...	8.76	4.93
111	106	Treas 12% 1995	106	-	11.31	4.90
98	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97	...	3.07	5.00
109	106	Exch 10¼% 1995	106	...	9.60	5.13
116	111	Treas 12¾% 1995	111	...	11.40	5.30
120	114	Treas 14% 1996	114	-	12.18	5.51
125	119	Treas 15¼% 1996	119	-	12.79	5.68
120	115	Exch 13¼% 1996	115	-	11.49	5.80
112	108	Conv 10% 1996	110	-	9.09	5.92
122	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	118	-	11.18	6.08
114	110	Exch 10½% 1997	111	-	9.40	6.11
110	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	107	-	8.11	6.21
132	127	Exch 15% 1997	127	-	11.75	6.34
114	109	Exch 9¾% 1998	111	-	8.76	6.41
106	99	Treas 7¼% 1998	103 †	-	7.03	6.36
102	97	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101	...	6.64	5.25
131	125	Treas 14% 1998-01	126	-	11.08	6.69
140	133	Treas 15½% 1998	134 †	-	11.32	6.58
126	118	Exch 12% 1998	121	-	9.91	6.69
116	108	Treas 9½% 1999	111	-	8.50	6.62

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	96	Treas 6% 1999	97 †	-	6.13	6.46
128	120	Exch 12¼% 1999	123 †	-	9.95	6.78
121	112	Treas 10½% 1999	116	-	9.04	6.75
121	112	Conv 10¼% 1999	116	-	8.83	6.80
116	106	Conv 9% 2000	110	-	8.11	6.75
136	129	Treas 13% 2000	130	-	9.98	7.08
106	97	Treas 7% 2001	103	-	6.95	6.88
122	109	Treas 10% 2001	116	-	8.61	7.04
123	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	116	-	8.38	7.15
113	97	Treas 8% 2003	105	-	7.52	7.05
127	109	Treas 10% 2003	119	-	8.40	7.19
139	116	Treas 11½% 2001-04	123 †	-	9.33	7.23
86	67	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79	-	4.43	6.29
105	95	Treas 6¾% 2004	97	-	6.90	7.04
125	105	Conv 9½% 2004	116	-	8.14	7.22
125	105	Conv 9½% 2005	117	-	8.11	7.23
143	124	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134	-	9.29	7.43
111	94	Treas 8% 2002-06	104	-	7.63	7.27
112	94	Treas 7¾% 2006	104	-	7.41	7.19
136	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	127	-	9.19	7.42
119	97	Treas 8½% 2007	110	-	7.67	7.22
151	131	Treas 13½% 2004-08	142 †	-	9.49	7.48
124	101	Treas 9% 2008	115 †	-	7.78	7.23

LONGS (over 15 years)

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	92	Treas 8% 2009	107 †	-	7.47	7.24
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	117	-	7.68	7.25
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	117	-	7.66	7.26
94	70	Treas 5½% 2008-12	84	-	6.50	7.04
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	105	-	7.34	7.21
117	93	Treas 8% 2013	107	-	7.42	7.25
159	125	Exch 12% 2013-17	148	-	8.18	7.45
128	97	Treas 8¾% 2017	116	-	7.49	7.24

UNDATED

High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	38	War Ln 3½%	48	-	7.27	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	33 †	-	7.55	...

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High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
137	131	Treas IL 2% 1994	137	...	...	...
204	194	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	+	1.43	2.42
113	105	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110	+	1.65	2.33
176	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	173 †	+	2.31	2.68
173	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	169	+	2.54	2.85
118	105	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	115	+	2.59	2.88
184	159	Treas IL 2% 2006	178	+	2.76	2.99
168	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	160	+	2.97	3.17
175	148	Treas IL 2½% 2011	167	+	3.02	3.21
146	122	Treas IL 2½% 2013	138	+	3.06	3.23
157	130	Treas IL 2½% 2016	147	+	3.13	3.28
152	124	Treas IL 2½% 2020	142	+	3.18	3.31
129	102	Treas IL 2½% 2024	119	+	3.17	3.29
128	103	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	119	+	3.19	3.32

Bank backs plans to give gold bigger role

FROM COLIN CAMPBELL IN KALGOORLIE

THE Bank of England yesterday announced plans for gold to play a greater role in the world's monetary system are well advanced.

Terry Smeeton, the Bank of England's chief manager, foreign exchange division, caused a stir of excitement at a gold conference in Kalgoorlie, Western Australia, by announcing that plans are well advanced in London to launch Euro certificates against the security of a central bank's gold holding. The Bank of England is obviously part of such discussions, though Mr Smeeton declined to be drawn further. He told an international audience of analysts, fund and investment managers, and bullion dealers, that if all went well, then the new Euro gold-backed certificate could be launched some time later this year.

With a life of three to five years, the pricing linked to the price of gold and an active secondary market, the securities would be aimed at investors wishing to obtain exposure to gold, while for some central banks they would improve the liquidity of their holdings without needing to undertake sales.

Such involvement from central banks would have significance for the gold market and implications for the metal's price, Mr Smeeton said.

Following the sales in the past three years of gold holdings by the central banks of Belgium and The Netherlands, Mr Smeeton said if there were to be any further (unidentified) Western European central bank gold sales, then he believed there would be a ready market for such gold among the newly wealthy nations of Asia.

Plans, by the turn of the century, for the introduction of a single currency in Western Europe and for the creation of a European Central Bank had implications for the gold holdings of European central banks. The European Central Bank, which has yet to be established, would be empowered to acquire and sell all types of precious metals, he said.

Gold is still an emotive issue in many countries, and as the foreign exchange holdings of central banks would need to be centralised in the new European Bank, Mr Smeeton said: "I can see many national Central Banks are likely to wish to retain at least part of their holdings of gold." While there might be further official sales from Western Europe in the years ahead, any gold sales were unlikely to be carried out in a way that would disrupt the market.

As for Latin American and non-industrialised countries, it was possible that they would seek to increase their official exposure to gold as a sort of insurance policy. Mr Smeeton made a subtle sales pitch that central banks and large private holders of gold should give greater thought to depositing their gold with the Bank of England. The Bank had a long-established history of gold storage, ensured fast and secure transfer of ownership, and had good delivery standards. He said the Bank's safe-custody facilities had contributed to London winning back its former pre-eminent role as the world's major gold market.

DENZIL McNEELANCE



Sir Derek Birkin, chairman, left, and Robert Wilson do not want to become involved in the UK coal industry yet

RTZ seeking to buy more US coal mines

BY NEIL BENNETT

RTZ, the world's leading mining group, is searching for more coal mines to buy in America and the rest of the world but remains non-committal about the privatisation of British Coal.

Robert Wilson, RTZ's chief executive, said he is negotiating with several US companies to buy their coal mines but talks are at an early stage. Apart from America, RTZ is seeking low-cost international mines that could supply the growing number of Southeast Asian power stations. RTZ cut borrowings by almost two-thirds to £384 million last year and could spend more than £1 billion on acquisitions without stretching its balance sheet.

The group's interest in coal follows its successful acquisitions of Nerco and Cordera Mining last year with their mines in the Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming. The acquisitions produced a profit of £36 million for RTZ last year, and the group is cutting their costs and increasing output.

In spite of its growing involvement in the coal market, it does not yet want to move into the UK coal industry. Sir Derek Birkin, chairman, said: "We are watching events in British Coal's privatisation, but we are not active."

The contribution from the Powder River Mines helped to support RTZ's profits in 1993 when they would otherwise have been hit by the fall in metal prices. Group profit before tax and exceptionals rose 6 per cent to £652 million, but it was hit by exceptional losses of £217 million, most of which came from the sale of Pillar, the consumer products arm. Underlying post-tax earnings rose 10 per cent to £373 million.

The fall in metal and coal prices during the year cut post-tax earnings by £122 million, but this was offset by a currency gain of £103 million from the weakness of sterling against the dollar. RTZ also made up for the 15 per cent fall in non-ferrous metal prices by raising copper, aluminium and gold production.

RTZ is raising its dividend for the year by 1p to 20.5p, but Sir Derek warned shareholders that they should not interpret this as a good omen for 1994, but as a reflection of the company's potential once the world's economy recovers. "We do not think 1994 will be very dramatic," he said. The group expects metal prices to stay volatile this year but show little overall change.

The group is planning to double its capital spending in the current year to about £520 million. Much of this is being invested in the new smelter at Bingham Canyon which should make it the world's lowest-cost copper mine.

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Continent holds back T&N

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

T&N, the engineering and car parts group, told a familiar corporate tale of US and UK recovery offset by continental gloom, as it unveiled a 1993 profits advance.

The group forecast a further decline in European vehicle production, with recovery probably stalled until 1995, but said the prospects for growth in the US and UK economies were encouraging.

Colin Hope, T&N's chairman and chief executive, said cost-cutting was under way in Germany, France and Italy to meet the lower demand.

In 1993, pre-tax profits advanced 12 per cent to £70.3 million, from £63 million last time, as the axe fell on 3,300 jobs group-wide.

Earnings rose to 8.8p a share from 5.8p, and the total dividend is unchanged at 10.85p.

T&N's North American arm was a star performer, with trading profits leaping 70 per cent to £35 million.

Elsewhere, Mr Hope added, regional trading profits largely marked time, except for a deterioration in Italy because of low demand and prices.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Transport Development hit by margin pressure

TRANSPORT Development, the haulage and distribution company, blamed continued pressure on margins and a 50 per cent drop in continental European earnings for a fall in pre-tax profits to £26.9 million (£33.5 million) in 1993. Operating profit dipped to £39.1 million (£40.5 million). Total turnover, affected by discontinued operations, declined to £550 million (£599 million). Transport Development is now focused on Europe, after the sale of its US and Australian businesses.

The total dividend is maintained at 9.5p, with a final of 6.5p. Earnings fell to 9.63p (12.05p) a share. Gearing fell to 8 per cent (18.6 per cent) and will be eliminated by the proceeds of the Australian disposal. Martin Llowarch, chairman, said UK profits had grown by about 10 per cent and were "improving quietly". There were continuing difficulties in France, where operating losses deepened to £3.74 million (£2.1 million loss). The shares lost 22p to 287p.

Waste Recycling to float

WASTE Recycling, which runs 1,750 bottle banks in East Anglia, is to be floated on the stock market. The rubbish disposal and environmental services firm also operates eight sites for local authorities in the region. Paul Rackham, founding shareholder and managing director, will sell all but a 38.3 per cent stake. Dealings begin on March 17 after a placing at 50p by Marshall Securities that will give Waste Recycling a value of £8.1 million. About £1.1 million from the proceeds is being used to repay debts. In its last financial year, the Thetford firm made profits of £1 million.

Microvitec back in black

MICROVITEC, the Bradford micro-electronic equipment and software group, returned to the black with a pre-tax profit of £1.61 million in 1993, compared with a loss of £2.14 million in 1992. Turnover on continuing operations rose 10 per cent to £33.3 million. James Bailey, chairman, said the group had made a promising start to 1994. Year-end gearing was reduced to 48 per cent (87 per cent), reflecting last year's sale of the distribution businesses. Earnings amounted to 2.1p a share, against a loss of 3.4p a share last time. There is no dividend.

Go-ahead for TI venture

TI GROUP, which reports full-year figures today, has received clearance for the formation of the Messier-Dowty aircraft landing gear joint venture signed in December by TI and Snecma, the French aerospace business. It will be established through a holding company, Messier-Dowty International, to be 50 per cent owned by each company. The business will comprise TI's landing gear businesses, excluding repair and overhaul operations, based in the UK and Canada, and those of Snecma, also excluding repair and overhaul, which are based in France.

Holliday advances

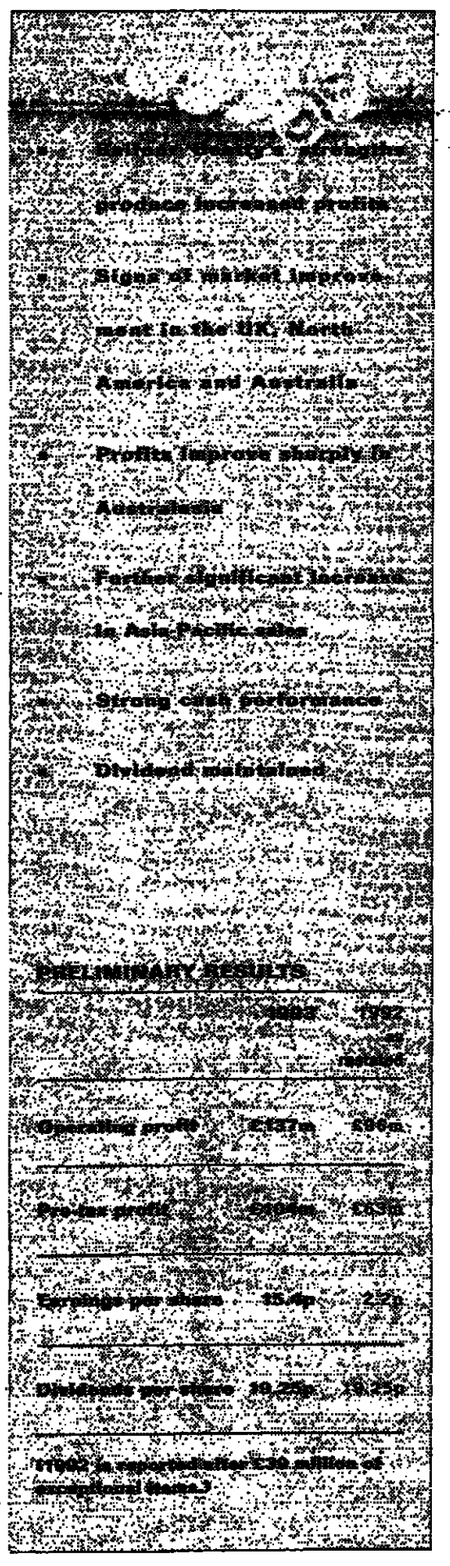
HOLLIDAY Chemicals, which went public last April, increased 1993 pre-tax pro forma profits, adjusted for the effects of the flotation, by 6 per cent, to £13.1 million (£12.4 million). Actual reported profits rose from £7.6 million to £12.1 million. Michael Peagram, chairman, said it was a strong performance, given the economic climate. He announced a final dividend of 2.4p, making a maiden total of 4p. Pro forma earnings per share advanced to 11.7p (11.2p). The shares added 5p, to 214p, compared with the 195p flotation price.

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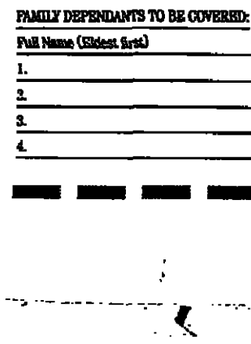
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BICC dips into its reserves to maintain payout

BY CARL MORTISHED

■ Recovery in the group's major markets of Australia, North America and the UK is expected to be modest in 1994, but continental Europe will remain difficult

BICC, the cables, construction and property conglomerate, has written down its development land holdings by £37 million. The writedown includes the 12-acre Spitalfields site in the City of London.

The group maintained its operating profits at £135 million in 1993, thanks to better results from Balfour Beatty, the contractor, but BICC is again dipping into reserves, to keep the dividend at 19.25p. Pre-tax profits rose £41 million, to £104 million. They had been depressed in 1992 by £39 million of provisions against property development and the Channel tunnel.

Sir Robin Biggam, BICC's chairman, predicted that recovery in the group's major markets would be modest this year: "We expect to see some improvements in the Australian, North American and UK markets in 1994; continental European markets will remain difficult."

A change in accounting policy on capitalised interest forced BICC to write off rolled up interest on undeveloped sites. BICC Developments made losses of £15 million, mainly relating to interest costs, but the company has also written off £37 million of capitalised interest as a prior-year adjustment to the December 1992 balance sheet.

The writedown mainly affected the Spitalfields development, in which BICC has a one-third interest, alongside Costain, the builder and LET, the developer. Spitalfields has been written down to £45 million.

BICC is asking its shareholders for permission to exchange its convertible capital bonds into convertible preference shares. Sir Robin said the terms and conditions were the same but the Accounting Standards Board had ruled that the bonds should be treated as debt. That would increase BICC's net borrowings from £68 million to £245 million, compared with shareholders' funds of £341 million.

Work on the Pergau Dam project, where Balfour Beatty has a half share of the £400 million contract, and on the Kuala Lumpur airport project, was unaffected by the current controversy, Sir Robin said. "The future is uncertain, but we are hoping for the best," he added.

☐ Balfour Beatty Civil Engineering has won the £60 million main contract to construct the underground stations and tunnels for the Heathrow Express, a joint venture between BAA and British Rail.

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Torquil Norman, Bluebird's chairman, is looking forward to another excellent year

Bluebird Toys soars overseas

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

A SURGE in overseas sales and benefits from reorganisation helped Bluebird Toys to report a rise in pre-tax profits to £9.82 million in the year to December 31, up from £1.55 million in the previous 12 months.

The company, which assembles and distributes toys such as the Polly Pocket doll range and the Big Red Fun Bus, is proposing a substantially increased single final dividend of 16p (4.5p). The USM-quoted shares responded with a 102p jump to 845p.

Torquil Norman, the chairman, said: "We have a very strong range for 1994 and we look forward to another excellent year."

Turnover advanced 50 per cent to £68.9 million (£46 million), with overseas sales ahead 142 per cent to £39 million (£16 million).

Basic earnings leapt 460 per cent to 94.7p (16.9p) a share, while fully diluted earnings rose to 65.2p (15.4p) a share.

The company proposes a four-for-one share split to improve marketability and will also consider the introduction of interim dividend payments this year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Wetherspoon seeking £22m for expansion

JD WETHERSPOON, the owner and operator of public houses floated in 1992, is calling for more funds to finance expansion beyond London. The company is seeking £22.1 million via a rights issue of one new share for every four held at 315p each, underwritten by Kleinwort Benson. The shares, originally offered at 160p, rose 7p to 390p. Wetherspoon, with debts of £31.4 million and gearing of 68 per cent, says the money will be used to fund the conversion of 14 sites with planning permission into pubs, including sites in Soho, Romford, Reading and Birmingham. At least ten are expected to open before the end of this financial year, giving Wetherspoon a total of 87 outlets.

Tim Martin, the founding chairman, and his wife will subscribe for just 76,333 new shares out of a full entitlement of 1.6 million, leaving them with 18 per cent of the enlarged company, against 22 per cent at present. Wetherspoon also reported a rise in pre-tax profits to £2.6 million (£1.49 million) in the half-year to January 31. Earnings, fully diluted, were 8.5p a share (5.9p). The dividend rises to 2.2p a share (1.8p).

Harrington ahead

STRONG growth in its international operations and contract publishing business helped lift pre-tax profits 30 per cent to £2.42 million from £1.86 million at Harrington Kilbride, the specialist magazine publisher, in the year to December 31. A final dividend of 3.2p brings the total for the year to 4.9p against 4.5p last time, an increase of 9 per cent. Kevin Harrington, managing director, said 1993 had been a year of significant progress for the company against a backdrop of continuing difficult trading conditions in the publishing market. He said the contract publishing business made significant progress, doubling the number of titles to about 20.

Metal Bulletin shines

METAL Bulletin, the specialist publisher in which Emap has a 19 per cent shareholding, lifted profits 36 per cent last year and says the momentum has been sustained in the current year. In 1993, pre-tax profits rose to £2.53 million from £1.86 million. The final dividend rises to 7.1p a share from 5.3p, making 10p for the year, against 8p. Earnings rose to 17.2p a share from 13.2p. Turnover rose to £15.3 million from £12.7 million, and trading profits to £2.2 million from £1.5 million. The company is planning a record number of conferences and exhibitions this year and the launch of a newsletter on metals finance.

Portals plans £19m banknote plant

BY MARTIN BARROW
CITY NEWS EDITOR

PORTALS Group, the papermaking group, is to invest £19 million in a new plant in Britain to increase capacity for banknote production. The new 4,000 tonne machine will be built alongside existing facilities at Overton Mill, Hampshire, which worked flat out in the second half of last year to satisfy demand, and will come on stream at the beginning of 1996. Shares in Portals rose 30p to 609p yesterday after the company announced better than expected financial results for last year, with profits rising to £31 million before tax from £25.5 million in 1992, when the company absorbed a £2.8 million loss on disposals.

Profits were helped by an 11 per cent rise in group sales from continuing operations to £197.9 million, yielding an 8 per cent rise in operating profits to £30.8 million. Security and specialist papermaking, which includes banknotes, lifted operating profits to £22.2 million from £20.1 million, while the smaller protection and control division rose to £8.6 million from £8.4 million.

Capital expenditure totalled £12.3 million, slightly down from £14.5 million, including £1.8 million for the purchase of Portals Packaging Tapes. Net cash was £16 million, against borrowings of £2.75 million.

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Long way from the little hut

BY DOUGLAS MCRAE

AT one time, the works and cost accountant would spend his days on the shop floor, often in a little hut in the corner of the factory yard. He sat there surrounded by invoices, delivery notes and other bits of paper, keeping track of raw materials, finished products, payments and shipments, as well as looking after production costs.

In the front office, there was a grand figure in a dark suit. He was the financial accountant, who dealt with the auditors and reported to the board. The two men rarely, if ever, met and probably had no understanding of each other's terminology.

Modern management accountants do not spend too much time looking backwards. But, as the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (Cima) celebrated its 75th birthday on Tuesday, it is worth remembering that the man in the little hut was the pioneer of the 20th century management accountancy revolution which gave birth to Cima.

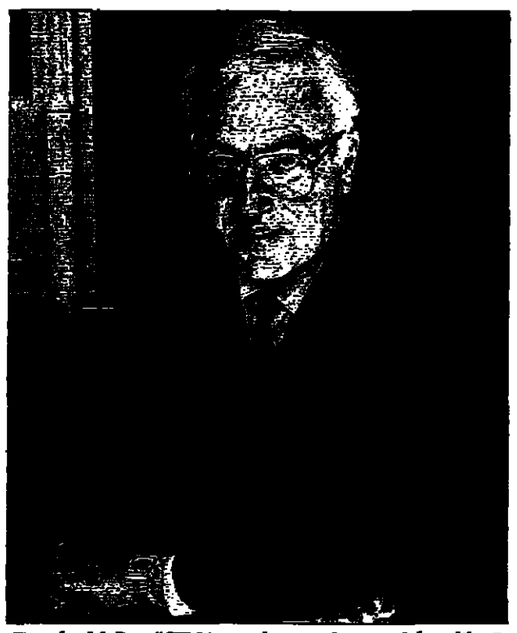
The institute now has more than 36,000 management accountant members and we claim to provide the most relevant training of any professional body for business management within the workplace. Simply, we are training a special breed of business managers — management accountants who are well equipped to make things happen in industry and commerce.

In the old industrial hierarchy, the recognised accountancy skills were usually confined to the narrow role of the annual audit and control of compliance matters. But as early as 1919 — the year Cima was formed — some industrial enterprises found they were making use of accountancy skills as a true management tool.

In a new business climate crying out for management skills, the young management accountancy movement was in the right place at the right time, and healthy foundations for Cima were laid. In the past ten years, Cima's membership has risen 60 per cent and there are 58,000 students working for Cima examinations. The institute has broken its own recruiting records in the past year, with more than 2,000 new members.

An independent observer, writing recently of job opportunities for accountants, commented: "The greatest demand today, however, is for newly-qualified Cimas ... Many employers opt for the all-round business management training gained in industry, rather than the more specific financial training obtained in public practice."

But older Cima hands like myself really knew we had "arrived" when companies recruiting for senior management positions began asking for "shirt-sleeved accountants". The days of the little hut have long gone.



Douglas McRae: "CIMA members are in a special position"

Cima members are valued because they are seen as both professionals and active members of the management team — people who take off their jackets, roll up their sleeves, and get on with the job.

Modern management accountants have a mission to turn business strategy into profits. They know how to exploit the opportunities presented by developments in information technology. As the providers of management information within companies, Cima management accountants also act as the conduit through which the information for running the business flows to top management. Thus, they are in a special position which is central to strategic decision-making.

Stricter regulation of the accountancy profession within the European Union, and in many other countries, can be expected. It will heighten the contrast between compliance accounting (with all its statutory and regulatory aspects) and the management accountant's freedom to play an active and creative role in business.

Cima has anticipated change by restructuring an already successful syllabus and building upon it.

From this year, its syllabus and examinations will centre even more around the need for Cima accountant members in business management to be trained for a total management role, with emphasis upon information technology.

If you want to travel, a Cima qualification can be your passport. Management accountancy is truly international, providing the skills to work within the business environment of any nation. It is already doing much to help the economies of developing countries.

☐ *The author is president of the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants*

Justice for all, and all for justice

THE arguments raging over the reform of auditors' liability are not new. All that is new is the escalating costs of insurance, the size of claims and a greater perception of the sheer injustice of the current situation.

The problem is that the solution lies largely in the hands of the Department of Trade and Industry and there is no sign that it wishes to do anything about it. After all, it does not need the firms to submit the evidence and independent reports from insurers, which they have just sent in. It does not need the English ICA to submit a similar pile of arguments as it just has. The DTI has all the evidence it needs. The report it commissioned in 1988 recommends much the same action that both the submissions from the large firms and the institute have advocated over recent weeks.

And if it needs any clarification over its own report, then it would be much easier to simply talk to the author. These days he is one of them. Andrew Likierman, when he put the 1988 report together for the DTI, was a professor at the London Business School. These days, the DTI can find him at the Treasury, where he is head of the government accounting service. The only points he would probably add to his earlier efforts are that things have got worse and that, as ever, there is nothing like a crisis to put the moral arguments into starker relief.



ROBERT BRUCE

The figures are straightforward. The independent report put together by Minet, the insurer which has access to all the top firms' figures, shows that the average of the three largest claims against UK accountants in 1983 was £38.9 million. By the time of the Likierman report, that average had risen to £110.5 million. And for 1993, after stripping out the vast estimated claims expected over the BCCI affair, the figure is £487 million. At the same time, the report shows that for the period from June 1993 to June 1994 "the maximum amount of commercial insurance available to any Big Six firm in the UK comprises a band of cover for losses falling between $45 million and $105 million".

By any standards, things are progressively getting much worse. The problem is that it is not terribly obvious to outsiders. The firms have never, being partnerships, produced useful, accurate and comprehensive financial figures in the way that their clients do. So the public has nothing to go on. And the idea of secrecy that this creates is easily turned into a theory of conspiracy. Equally, with hindsight, the firms should probably have contested rather than paid out on some of the earlier cases brought against them. But insurers were persuasive on payouts in the early 1980s. Had the firms known that the insurers would desert them in the late 1980s, they might have stuck to their guns rather more.

It is also hard for the firms to convince people that they are not simply crying wolf. Ian Brindle, Price Waterhouse's senior partner, made that plain at the launch of the firm's submission to the DTI. "If we could produce a dead body we could convince people that there was a problem," he said. "But we would prefer to sort it out at the stage where people are not feeling too well."

And there is also the argument that justice, which in principle should be open to all, is not necessarily required when the aggrieved parties are partners in large and wealthy multinational businesses. The obvious answer would be to change the principle of joint and several liability so that at times of corporate collapse, for example, those directly responsible for the collapse would also be deemed financially responsible. This is the heart of the injustice. At present, the only people who have to have insurance are the auditors. The law encourages shareholders not to seek justice, but simply to seek cash.

In the US, this system is changing. Several states have moved to a system of proportional liability. The same is happening in Australia. It cannot happen soon enough. In the US the theory of "the innocent investor" is gaining ground. If shares go up, the investor takes the profit. If they fall, someone must be to blame. The investor doesn't take the losses, he sues.

The obvious answer in the UK would be to move to a system of proportional liability. But lawyers oppose this and argue it would take decades. The short answer is to change Section 310 of the Companies Act. Under a measure dating back to the 1920s, this bars accountants from agreeing individual liability limits with clients. It is not the ideal solution. Auditors would be seen to be doing deals with clients. It does not have the obvious justice of the liability falling on the guilty.

But the DTI needs to do something, and fast. As an interim measure it should walk down to Whitehall for a chat with Andrew Likierman. And it should amend Section 310.

Cold comfort for Ernst trio

DID they draw the short straw? Three managers from Ernst & Young's energy services group have "volunteered" to spend two years in the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan. Mary Whitnall, Jonathan Muir and Andy Brogan will work with oil and gas companies from a base in Alma Ata, emerging occasionally to travel 1,500 miles to Tengiz near the Caspian Sea, where the state's largest oil joint venture is situated. Conditions at Tengiz are reported to be inhospitable — winter temperatures of minus 40 degrees centigrade, and a bed in a cabin, which is available only when the last occupant has left it. Not all that different from Becket House, the firm's London headquarters ...

Cat's cradle

ONE of the most unlikely presentations at last week's Festival of Accounting in Edinburgh was on the use of string as a means of accounting in pre-conquest Peru. Appetites were whetted by the professor concerned creating a complex knot of cat's cradle across the backs of three chairs. But then he announced that the secret had died with the Incas and he did not have a clue about how it was supposed to work. Morale slumped even further when it became obvious that the presentation was set to drag on. Keeping the Scots from their lunch increased their view that his efforts had been a load of old rope.

Smiling a retreat

THE ballroom of Hopetoun House, venue for the festival's closing dinner, was invaded by a pipe band intent on "beating the retreat". Among those surrounded by deafening skirling was Roger Lawson of 3i, incoming president of the English institute. Looking ill-at-ease, he turned to Professor Richard Macve and asked what he should do. "Just keep smiling," came the reply.

MIKE Hogan, one time presenter of the BBC's The Financial World Tonight, *has been appointed head of Price Waterhouse's UK press office. Hogan won a Bafta award for television business journalism while editing* The Business Programme *for Channel 4, and was most recently director of external affairs at The Advertising Association.*

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World Growth	77.19	82.39	- 0.53	0.66
Ethical	65.43	70.38	- 0.75	2.45
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	53.37	53.77†	- 0.22	7.64

ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 699 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Income	96.85	103.03†	- 0.22	2.83
UK Equity Growth	87.90	93.51†	- 0.20	2.01
European	68.09	72.44	- 0.09	0.62
Nth American	67.81	72.14	- 0.32	0.97
Far Eastern	74.92	79.70	- 1.00	0.31
Money	65.49	65.49		3.77
Fixed Interest	72.66	77.30†	- 0.30	6.29
Index Linked Gilt	97.60	71.91†	+ 0.10	1.13

AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD
28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF
031 549 3232

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Growth	72.76	77.40	- 0.66	2.29
British Inc & Growth	91.80	97.68	- 0.79	3.18
Select Portfolio	90.58	96.37	+ 0.66	..

ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD
101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR
0458 385 958

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amity Income	78.72	83.52	- 0.70	1.94
Income Builder Inc	70.50	75.00	- 0.50	2.69

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL
IFA dlg: 0793 618 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	244.90	261.70	- 1.90	2.88
Capital	438.70	468.90	- 2.60	1.50
Balanced	718.20	767.70	- 3.90	2.36
Accumulator	1276.0	1364.0	- 6.00	2.71
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.12	52.50†	- 0.44	3.26
High Income	424.80	454.10†	- 2.10	3.32
Equity Income	240.40	256.90†	- 1.50	3.40
High Yield	264.30	282.50†	- 1.20	3.32
Govt Securities	34.87	36.80	- 0.17	4.40
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	137.90	147.30	- 0.10	0.30
European Growth	134.80	144.00	- 0.60	0.43
International	166.70	177.80†	- 1.70	0.22
Japan	226.40	241.30†	- 2.60	0.01
Pacific	423.70	449.60	- 4.60	0.17
Secs of America	434.10	461.80†	- 3.60	0.51
Worldw Asset Val	49.30	52.65	- 0.49	0.02
Specialists Trusts				
Asset Value	543.20	580.60	- 3.30	2.16
Conv & Gilt	49.30	52.70†	- 0.06	1.83
Smaller Cos	187.40	200.80†	- 0.10	0.80
2nd Smaller Cos	176.60	191.90†	- 0.10	1.93
Recovery	150.10	160.40	- 0.90	1.73
Met Min & Cdty	158.80	169.70	- 1.00	0.80
Oseas Earnings	369.80	395.30†	- 0.10	1.78
Technology	162.10	173.20	- 0.90	0.03
UK Special Sits	470.90	503.30†	- 3.00	1.91

B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911
Channel Out Fees 1.65% (NON PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Channel Out Perm	1.65	1.65	...	1.65
Foundin Perpl Fees	65.94	68.50	...	4.00

BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD
20-24 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE
071 251 9787

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	73.92	78.63	- 1.05	2.58
International	64.44	68.55	- 0.85	0.89

BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD
1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	318.50	344.00	- 1.10	..
Bond	122.30	129.60	- 0.70	6.88
Brit Smlr Cos	107.10	113.90	- 0.20	0.90
Conv & Gen	67.21	71.23†	+ 0.07	4.88
Energy	443.60	480.60	- 6.60	0.22
Europe	236.90	251.80	- 0.30	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	126.60	134.00	- 0.83	0.93
Income Gwth	364.30	393.10†	- 1.50	3.87
Japan	341.60	363.30	- 3.00	..
Pacific	113.50	120.70	- 0.90	0.66
UK Smlr Cos	54.60	58.30	- 0.19	0.75
Japan Fd	798.00	821.30	- 3.30	..
Mngd Fd	178.90	190.20	- 1.20	2.64

BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGMT LTD
36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 5673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Brit & Overs	292.50	307.90	...	1.18
Capital Gwth	119.80	126.10	...	2.12
Wwide Oppo	193.10	203.40		0.44

BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD
1 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BU 081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Trusts				
Bst Inv Fd Inc	360.00	375.00	- 4.00	2.24
European Bd Inc	96.72	100.10	- 0.20	7.20
Exempt	77.62	80.80	- 0.02	3.74
Financial	74.60	81.93	- 0.90	2.02
Gold	487.60	521.50†	- 2.40	.96
General	280.80	300.30	- 3.30	2.18
Property	250.20	267.60		5.44
Trustee	191.80	205.20	- 2.00	1.81
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.60	100.60		4.36
Extra Income	122.90	131.50	- 1.10	3.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	60.57	62.59†	- 0.26	7.87
Income	554.80	597.40†	- 4.60	3.68
Income Builder	66.96	71.74†	- 0.68	4.43
Intl Income	69.18	73.94	- 0.29	2.87
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	118.40	126.30†	- 1.50	2.14
Leisure	127.20	136.20	- 0.50	0.74
Recovery	437.40	467.80	- 3.10	2.01
Smlr Cos Inc	46.10	49.44	- 0.09	1.70
Special Sits	247.30	318.00	- 1.80	1.41
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	135.80	144.10	- 0.90	0.14
Aust Acc	266.40	282.40	- 6.10	1.58
Aust Inc	166.70	177.40	- 3.80	1.54
Euro Gwth Inc	145.50	154.20	....	0.36
Japan & Gen Inc	190.30	204.50†	- 0.40	..
Japan Spec Sits	85.25	90.31	- 0.11	..
Unit Tech Inc	80.85	85.39	- 0.40	0.38
Worldwide	181.60	192.70	- 0.70	0.25

BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 186, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4TQ
081 658 9802

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	102.90	109.00	- 0.50	..
Amer Smlr Cos	138.20	147.70	- 0.30	..
Cash Trust	90.65	90.65	+ 0.01	4.90
Convertibles	62.58	67.98	- 0.04	3.60
Eastern	289.90	313.20	- 1.50	1.60
Equity Income	93.67	99.64†	- 0.56	4.90
European Growth	295.10	313.91†	- 0.10	1.50
Europe	216.10	231.40†	- 0.60	1.50
German Growth	71.33	75.95	- 0.05	0.70
Global Bond	67.57	71.38	- 0.15	5.30
Global Growth	132.90	141.40	- 0.80	..
Japan Growth	222.90	239.30	- 0.60	..
Japan Smaller	190.20	203.60	- 0.60	..
Japan Trust	77.09	85.81	- 0.73	..
Portfolio	137.60	146.80†	- 0.80	3.00
UK Growth	96.86	103.00	- 0.40	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	101.90	108.40	- 0.40	2.90
Select Managers	77.37	82.68	- 0.35	2.00

BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD
20-24 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL
071 250 3300

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Gwth Port Inc	83.51	89.84†	....	.
Special Oppor Inc	57.76	60.81*	....	.

BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD
5 Gilmour St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6461

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	188.30	198.20	- 0.10	0.47
Dividend	84.65	90.51†	- 0.16	3.77
Int Gth & Inc	228.00	243.90	- 2.70	2.47
UK & Gen	46.34	49.56†	- 0.61	1.51
Fund of Funds	68.70	73.48	- 0.31	..

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD
50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR
041 223 6820

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced Growth	112.02	118.54	....	1.27
Smaller Cos	111.05	117.51	....	0.47
Higher Yield	67.19	69.94	....	2.42
American Gth Inc	77.68	82.20†	....	..
European Growth	137.17	145.15†	....	..
Global Bond Inc	70.32	74.08	....	5.90
Mngd Pfolio Inc	45.57	48.21	....	0.94

BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL
071 480 7256

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Short Dated Gilt	66.25	67.19*	- 0.03	5.52

CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH
061 837 5900

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Environ	158.20	168.30	- 0.60	1.36
UK Growth	169.50	180.40*	- 1.50	1.88
UK Income	139.80	148.80	- 1.10	3.82

CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA
0707 651 222

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Can Gen Dist	191.20	202.60*	- 1.70	1.79
-do- Income Dist	114.70	121.50	- 0.90	4.39
Gilt & Fxd Int	42.66	45.21*	- 0.28	6.02

For Cannon see Lincoln National

CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF
061 236 5685 Emg: 061 236 6685 Dlg: 061 236 5362

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American & Gen	150.80	160.50	- 1.20	..
European Inc	79.58	84.37	- 0.15	0.35
Smaller Cos (4-1)	86.40	91.92†	- 0.14	1.13
Growth	430.70	470.30†	- 2.50	1.96
Income & Growth	421.40	448.40†	- 4.50	3.45
Japan & Gen	70.87	81.78†	- 0.47	..
Master Portfolio	109.26	11.77†	- 63.000	1.33
Special Sits	101.30	107.80	+ 0.10	1.90
High Yield	1369.0	1412.0	+14.00	3.92

CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS
Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh
031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 504

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth Tst	37.62	40.23	- 0.26	0.22
Cash Income	50.58	50.58	+ 0.01	4.82
European Gwth	39.44	42.06	- 0.04	0.36
Income & Gwth Inc	29.47	31.51	- 0.20	3.83
Intnl Gwth	32.10	34.33	- 0.29	0.53
Japan Gwth	28.50	30.48	- 0.15	..
Managed Tst Inc	49.96	53.43	- 0.24	1.50
Oriental Opps Inc	147.20	157.40	- 0.90	..
Property Shares	49.01	51.34	- 0.59	1.56
Smaller Cos	33.31	35.62	- 0.15	1.49
UK Growth Tst	26.78	28.64	- 0.22	2.63
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	73.15	78.23†	- 0.57	1.64
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.43	73.18	- 0.57	2.34
Exempt	27.99	29.28	....	..
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	25.89	27.68	- 0.03	0.38
European Acc	26.85	28.71	- 0.03	0.38
Financial	154.50	165.20†	- 0.50	1.46
Foundation	96.03	102.70	- 0.65	2.14
German	90.39	51.89	+ 0.14	0.05
High Income	78.90	84.38†	- 0.63	5.22
Income	138.40	148.00	- 1.10	3.38
Intl Growth	38.74	41.43	- 0.16	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	109.80	117.40†	- 0.60	1.58
Mngd Pfolio Acc	209.90	224.40†	- 1.10	1.58
Monthly Income	85.63	91.58	- 0.46	3.18
North American	107.60	115.20	- 0.60	1.52
Orient	151.10	161.60	- 1.80	....

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Gresham Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	83.04	88.70	- 0.37	2.16
American Portfolio	90.53	96.54	- 0.50	1.01
European Portfolio	97.01	103.50	- 0.57	0.93
Japanese Portfolio	72.93	77.51	- 0.34	..
Pacific Portfolio	144.09	154.94	- 1.63	0.75
UK Inc & Growth	76.06	81.44	- 0.23	3.61
Utility & Bond	56.52	57.20	- 0.47	6.23

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000
UK General Tst 65.70 69.89 - 0.50 2.67
Global Tst ... ...
Recovery Tst ... ...

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	147.83	159.99	....	....
UK Growth	113.11	122.12	....	....
UK Income	116.74	126.62	....	3.71

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High-Inc Equity	50.81	54.05	- 0.52	3.85
-do- Inv Tst Inc	77.94	82.92†	- 0.02	3.74
Recovery Inv Tst	27.37	29.12	....	1.15
Investment Trust	93.13	99.05†	- 0.19	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	88.44	94.08	- 0.08	1.17

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144
Emerging Markets 98.18 61.73 - 0.13 ....

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 3737 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	60.49	64.70	- 0.35	..
Atlas Mngd Gwth	38.67	41.58	- 0.39	..
Dragon Growth	71.65	76.63	- 0.74	0.42
Equity High Inc	84.91	90.39	- 0.58	4.39
European Gwth	49.78	52.96	- 0.11	0.71
Evergreen	31.49	33.68	- 0.01	..
General Equity	87.28	92.60	- 0.71	2.08
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	56.30	59.95	- 0.26	7.43
Japan Growth	52.98	57.21	- 0.60	..
Pedigree Gwth	52.49	56.84	- 0.26	1.99
Ptd Sm Cos Inc	34.38	36.57	- 0.01	0.58
Retirement Inc	36.84	38.86	- 0.27	5.01
Special Sits	40.75	43.58	- 0.31	1.45
UK & Overseas	50.21	53.42	- 0.20	0.86

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 898

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	66.69	70.264	- 0.52	2.73
Income	61.59	65.87†	- 0.60	3.78

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ 081 686 9818
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	171.51	182.46	- 1.39	4.85
Fixed & Convertible	45.62	48.53	- 0.20	5.26
Monthly Inc Plus	53.24	56.64	....	7.91
Preference Share	50.31	53.52	- 1.18	6.91
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	135.48	144.13	- 1.00	6.61
Managed Fund	70.36	74.85	....	2.69
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	45.04	47.91	- 0.21	1.77
UK & General	80.55	85.69	- 0.58	2.53
UK Growth	141.73	150.78	....	1.59
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	191.39	203.61	- 0.24	....
Far Eastern Gth	139.54	148.45	- 1.20	0.28
Global Bond	5.48	5.81	- 0.01	5.84
Japan Growth	130.82	139.17	- 0.99	....
North Amer Gwth	161.90	172.23	- 1.80	....
Oriental Growth	82.76	88.04	- 0.75	....
Worldwide Growth	67.03	71.31	....	0.24
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.99	92.99	+ 0.01	4.55
Homemaker Fund	78.66	83.68†	- 0.45	1.83
Quilter Fund	137.68	146.47†	- 0.98	2.03

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	59.42	63.21	- 0.42	2.50
High Income	34.95	37.16	- 0.20	4.40
Japan	38.02	40.44	- 0.27	..
Smaller Cos Inc	33.90	36.06	- 0.04	2.20
Smaller Cos	35.27	37.52	- 0.05	2.20
North American	32.85	34.94	- 0.15	0.50
European	37.51	39.90	- 0.15	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	32.07	34.09†	....	4.31

COOKE (HENRY) UNIT MGRS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	152.10	161.90	- 0.60	1.57
Income	75.78	80.62†	- 0.56	4.24
European	61.37	65.29	- 0.29	0.68
Recovery	147.70	157.20	- 1.40	1.21

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494
Equity Dist 844.60 859.40 .... 3.59

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 260 570

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	74.11	78.85	- 0.90	1.80
Income	345.50	361.20	- 2.10	4.31
Smaller Cos	160.00	170.20	- 0.10	1.20
Inv Portfolio	79.67	84.76	- 0.69	1.41
High Income Port	69.29	73.71	- 0.59	4.50

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 638 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	1504.9	1538.4	....	....
Japan Small Cos	1297.3	1322.7	....	....
UK Small Cos	1899.7	1980.8	....	....
US Small Cos	1655.9	1701.0	....	....

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	203.00	213.70	.	2.69

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	262.10	277.10	+ 0.60	1.08
New Asia	323.00	342.10	+ 0.60	0.33
Japan Growth	132.40	140.90	- 0.10	....
Jap Smlr Co	552.10	586.30	- 1.20	....
Nth Amer	253.50	268.70	- 0.70	0.91
Shilind Asia Pac Sit	126.80	133.90	- 0.30	0.47
UK Inc & Gwth	220.90	234.20	- 1.00	3.40

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	144.70	153.90	- 1.50	1.74
UK High Inc Inc	151.30	160.50	- 1.20	4.71
UK Pref & F I Inc	61.91	65.84	- 0.37	4.78
Euromrnkt Opps	84.44	90.36	- 0.63	1.36

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Hanymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	123.90	131.20	- 1.20	0.15
Convertibles	24.84	26.18†	- 0.06	6.30
Equity Income	135.00	143.40	- 1.10	3.49
EuroFund	45.48	48.09	- 0.05	0.83
Financial	50.25	53.29	- 0.49	1.50
Growth & Inc	241.10	256.20†	- 2.10	2.93
High Dist	167.80	178.30	- 0.90	4.21
International	397.60	422.50	- 2.90	0.34
Intnl Income	97.74	104.30	- 0.70	2.25
Latin American	51.28	54.49	- 0.13	0.25
Pacific	86.03	91.41	- 0.91	....
Preference Share	24.99	26.59†	- 0.14	5.84
Tokyo	259.60	254.20	- 0.40	....
UK Smaller Cos	249.10	264.70	- 0.60	0.89

ELCON LTD
Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA
0689 70539

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	224.50	240.00	.	.

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	205.40	218.50	....	0.51

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 488

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	79.70	83.89	- 0.48	1.54
Far Eastern	320.25	337.10	- 3.76	1.34
High Income	137.96	145.12	- 0.83	4.17
Intl Growth	121.71	131.27†	- 0.93	1.03
North American	121.32	127.70	- 1.13	0.99
Pelican	121.21	127.59	- 0.77	2.70
Smaller Cos	79.42	83.60	- 0.42	1.67
Special Sits	90.08	101.14	- 0.71	2.23
Tst of Inv Trs	182.52	202.65*	- 0.50	1.77

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	225.06	236.96	- 0.60	1.54
Smaller Cos Acc	389.64	409.87	- 1.03	1.54
Recovery	60.06	62.56	- 0.40	1.42

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 166

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	113.34	120.51	- 0.58	4.76
Capital Growth	93.04	99.06	- 0.42	..
Rd of Inv Trs	66.72	69.84	- 0.21	0.22
High Income	48.60	51.85	- 0.19	8.54
Warrant	63.18	68.68	- 0.23	....
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Benedict Nightingale offers his choice of playwrights from hell. Only joking . . .



CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** blows his nose and wipes his eyes after watching the calculatedly lachrymose *Joy Luck Club*

Welcome to the great wail of China

Hankies scarcely dry from *Shadowlands* last week now get another, bigger drenching from **The Joy Luck Club**. Since Wayne Wang's silky-smooth version of Amy Tan's best-selling novel concerns the anguished relationship between Asian-American mothers and daughters, you might suppose only women sniffle and dab. Not so. My own eyes have seen thick-skinned males, film critics even, turn on the taps in the final reels and drip quietly in the dark. *Newsweek* magazine called the film "a four-hankie classic". *Time* went further still and gave it a rating of eight.

Any film that can render eight handkerchiefs sopping needs to be watched carefully. We have our health to think of. The healthiest kind of tears are those that trickle of their own accord, in their own good time. The worst are those yanked out by brute force.

Wang, the Hong Kong-born director tackling his first American mainstream film following a fitful career on the fringes, unfortunately follows the yanking method. Every image, every scene, every tender wisp of accompanying music, is transparently shaped for maximum emotional effect. Either you let down the barriers and succumb, or you sit stony-faced as these Chinese mothers and Americanised daughters face more than two hours of slaps, hugs, joy and sorrow across the decades. There are no other options.

On a technical level, at least, *The Joy Luck Club* deserves a warm welcome. The script, by Ronald Bass and Tan herself, reworks the novel's teeming characters into a neat, interwoven bundle. From the opening chatter of the Joy Luck mahjong club in San Francisco, the stories spread out to China and back, lucidly tracing the storm-tossed histories of four Chinese women and their offspring.

There are tales of babies left behind in the wake of the Japanese advance; tales of enforced, loveless marriages, of a mother (played by France Nuyen) who drowns her own child to gain revenge on a playboy husband.

Once the women reach America, their daughters echo their hopes and fears, although never the physical traumas: the current generation is noticeably well-heeled. The cast, picked from the large reservoir of Asian-American talent, tackle their parts with vigour and gratitude; Tsai Chin's bossy, disapproving Lindo, sold into marriage at 15, is particularly memorable.

As for Wang himself, a gifted, humane director, you would never guess from the film's rosy glow and velvet camerawork that his previous film was a jagged experiment called *Life is Cheap . . . But Toilet Paper is Expensive*. Sharp edges have been filed away, while the acute observations on immigrant ways that ran through *Chan Is Missing* and *Dim Sum* have become obscured by the bubbles of soap opera.

If your eyes are not too watery, you should see *The Joy Luck Club* for what it is: a handsome film, a notable showcase for Asian-American talent, and a shallow emotional roller-coaster.

Even eight hankies may not be sufficient this week. For there is the glutinous **My Life** to consider. Here, Michael Keaton dies of cancer shortly after his lovely wife (Nicole Kidman) gives birth to a bouncing boy. To prepare his future offspring for a life without dad, Keaton spends the last months making a video scrapbook. The camcorder is trained on colleagues and family, who offer mixed testimony. In between, he gives his child-to-be tips on big things, little things: sex, love, cooking spaghetti, playing baseball.

Rarely can a film have gloated so much, to such dubious effect, over the demise of its star. Bruce Joel Rubin, the writer and director, has a genuine fascination with the afterlife and extra-sensory perceptions: he wrote the screenplays for *Ghost* and *Jacob's Ladder*. But in *My Life*, his directorial debut, Rubin's obsessions have only produced a string of mawkish effects pinned to a central character it is hard to embrace.

Keaton's Bob Jones, head of his own PR company in Los Angeles, has money, of course. Terminal diseases in American movies generally strike the rich and famous. True, he comes from Ukrainian stock, but an ethnic wedding and prickly encounters with the parents in Detroit still leave him stranded, cold and arrogant. Keaton's skill in handling serious drama is not at issue, although the smug, cocky part of his persona certainly makes difficulties for the viewer.

Kidman is the picture of beauty and loving kindness as the wife trying to share his pain. Other characters play second fiddle to what often seems like a huge ego trip for the dying man. *My Life* should still not be dismissed out of hand: Rubin earns points for avoiding vapid escapism and for giving audiences something to chew on. The trouble is, the film tastes so noxiously artificial that you just want to spit it out.

With **On Deadly Ground** you can at least enjoy peals of mocking laughter. Steven Seagal, the martial arts hunk with modest acting ability and the blurred face of a burglar wearing a stocking mask, has now turned director. He has also turned environmentalist. As Seagal's Forrest Taft, mighty douser of oil-rig fires, heaves into action against big business, out come the little homilies, the plugs for justice and Mother Earth. "What does it take to change the essence of a man?" he intones after reducing a redneck to a bloody heap. "I need time," the heap blubs.

Seagal's stomping ground is beautiful, frozen Alaska, where the Innuit people fight to avoid the clutches of oil company boss Michael Caine. "I didn't want to resort to violence," Taft explains. "I don't have a choice." That said, he is free to dispatch every bad guy he meets to an early grave.

Dressed in fanciful furs, Seagal looks every inch the star with a swollen head. Others caught in this absurd enterprise rightly wish they were elsewhere. Caine, hair black and short, suggests a man embalmed, while Joan Chen receives her most thankless role yet as a beautiful Innuit activist.

The alternative choice this week is **Pétain**: two hours plus about Vichy France, staged in the worthy, bloodless manner of a television biopic. Since the years of collaboration with Nazi Germany can still cause tremors in France, Jean Marboeuf's film clearly retains local appeal. But abroad, dwindling numbers of filmgoers know or care about Marshal Pétain, Pierre Laval and the other figures who collaborated with Hitler and tried to rejuvenate defeated France with anti-Semitic policies from their new seat of government, a spa town hotel. Large queues should not be expected.

Yet, for those happy to take history lessons in cinemas, *Pétain* can still entertain, despite Marboeuf's plodding style. The characters fascinate. Veteran actor Jacques Dufilho, stiff and formal, crisply conveys ancient Pétain's wiliness, vanity and naivety. Jean Yanne makes Laval a formidable force of nature, an ambitious politician outmanoeuvred by events. *Pétain* may not make you cry, thank heavens, but you can have a good time learning, thinking.

The Joy Luck Club
Curzon West End
15, 139 mins
Over-emotional saga of Chinese-American mums and daughters

My Life
Warner West End
12, 117 mins
Dubious drama about preparing for death

On Deadly Ground
Warner West End
15, 102 mins
Absurd vehicle for Steven Seagal

Pétain
MGM Swiss Centre
12, 133 mins
Solid slice of French wartime history



Across the generations, across the seas, Chinese mothers and their Americanised daughters get together to share a few gentle smiles and a lot of tears in *The Joy Luck Club*

Small is beautiful

THEATRE: **Andy Lavender** applauds the spirit of enterprise breathing new life into the London fringe

The West End's most impactful plays of the past two or three years — such as *Medea*, *Moonlight*, *Oleanna* and *Death and the Maiden* — all started life in the subsidised sector. That area of activity known as "off-West End", comprising the subsidised "quality" venues such as the Royal Court, Almeida and Hampstead theatres, seems in rude health. But while these theatres have been climbing the barriers that separate them from the smart West End, a similar flexing of muscles is happening on the fringe.

The most striking evidence of this is provided by developments in a little-known venue south of the River Thames. The Bridge Lane Theatre has been hired for two productions by Moving Theatre, a new company formed by Vanessa Redgrave and her brother Corin. The first of these, Alex Ferguson's *The Flag*, opens tonight.

What persuaded the Redgraves to opt for an obscure fringe theatre in Battersea? "The theatre is remarkable in what it provides," Corin Redgrave says. "It has a large performance area, yet it never separates the audience from the performers by more than about 25 feet. So you can do a play with a cast of 16 people, as we're doing, but it allows for a real closeness."

It is not unknown for stars to appear in this neck of the woods. Janet Suzman has directed a Feydeau farce at the Chelsea Centre Theatre, and is currently in discussion with the theatre's management about another project.

> "The lesson of the 1980s was that profits don't just come in cash"

General figures for audience attendance outside the West End do not properly exist, such is the volatile nature of the theatre industry. The Arts Council's most recent statistics reveal a slight decrease in audience attendance at the London theatres the council funds. On the other hand, the Bush Theatre, on Shepherds Bush Green, reports an increase of 21 per cent in audience attendances over the past two years, and the Cockpit Theatre in Marylebone claims an increase in box office income of more than 50 per cent since 1990.

The Hampstead Theatre took £33,000 at the box office for Terry Johnson's *Dead Funny* before it had even opened. The play will become the theatre's latest West End transfer when it opens at the Vaudeville in April.

Of course, artistic panache cannot entirely be measured by bums on seats. For all that economic imperatives have been dinned into managements over the past few years, there is every indication that theatres outside the West End are still unafraid of taking risks. At the Cockpit Theatre, for example, the Soho Theatre Company flirts with a kind of danger. Its latest offering is Daniel Magee's *Paddywack*, a dark comedy about an Irishman in Kilburn, written by a former member of Sinn Fein who was frequently interned during the 1970s. *Paddywack* is a co-production between the company and William Butler Sloss, one of a new breed of producers.

"The lesson of the 1980s was that profits don't just come in cash," Butler Sloss says. "I get to put on shows that I believe in. On the other hand, theatre is an entirely pragmatic business. You're in the business of communicating ideas and emotions. If nobody comes you've failed at the first hurdle."

The second hurdle can also be tricky. Butler Sloss produced *Our Boys*, an earlier Cockpit success. "That show cost me £22,000," he says. "People have told me that 15 years ago it would have moved into the West End. But to have moved it today would have cost me about £180,000."

Abigail Morris, Soho Theatre Company's artistic director, had a similar experience with Diane Samuels's acclaimed *Kindertransport*. An initial possibility that the production would transfer to the Duchess Theatre came to nothing, although Morris is now directing the play for the main stage at New York's Manhattan Theatre Club.

A new cartel, the Producers Alliance, wants to redress the situation by transplanting successful shows from the subsidised sector to some of the smaller West End houses, with cheaper tickets to boot. This initiative is pre-empted by a new production of Samuel Beckett's 20-minute *Footfalls* — a fringe favourite if ever there was one — which opens on Monday at the Garrick Theatre, runs for a week, and will cost just £4 for any seat in the house. The show has "event" written all over it, not least because it reunites director Deborah Warner and actress Fiona Shaw.

"The quirkiness of the fact that it's in a West End theatre amuses me," Warner says. "It's a play that has had many lives in pub theatres. But the lines are becoming rather blurred. I'm very excited about the West End because it's only just occurred to me that it's very flexible."



Corin and Vanessa Redgrave specially chose an obscure fringe theatre to stage Alex Ferguson's *The Flag*

IN TOMORROW'S TIMES

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

THE FLAG: Opening night for Moving Theatre, a new company with two Redgraves on the board of directors. Play based on a Robert Shaw novel set in a Suffolk parish in 1926. The strong cast includes Jennifer Hilary, Kika Markham and Corin Redgrave. See feature, page 35.
Bridge Lane, Bridge Lane, Battersea, SW11 (071-228 8828) Tonight, 7pm, until April 2.

KATYA KABANOVA: A very special night for opera lovers across the country. Trevor Nunn's new production of Janáček's most personal tragic opera is, quite simply, brilliant and unmissable. Elena Prokina's Katya was the most thrilling Covent Garden debut since Galina Gorchakova hit us two years ago. Eva Randová makes a magnificently monstrous mother-in-law. Bernard Haitink conducts; designs by Maria Björnson.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911). Tonight, 7.30pm. ◪

ERNANI: Armenian soprano Maria Guleghina, who recently had great success singing *Tosca* opposite Domingo at the Met in New York, marks her London debut in this opera-in-concert performance of a rarely heard Verdi score. Marcello Viotti conducts the English Chamber Orchestra. With Anthony Michaels-Moore as Carlo.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm ◪

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Peter Stein's production of Debussy's masterpiece **Pelléas et Mélisande** for **WNO** was the sensation of 1992, garnering well-earned prizes and critical superlatives. It is revived tonight for four nights only, reuniting the original cast of Alison Hagley, Neill Archer, Donald Maxwell, Penelope Walker and Kenneth Cox. David Robertson conducts.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486) Tonight, then Mar 12, 14 and 16, 7.15pm. ◪

HARROGATE: Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper meet at a celestial milk bar in David Cosgrove's **Three Steps to Heaven**. The cast sing all the songs you'd expect.
Harrogate, Oxford St (0423 502116). Opens tonight, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Mar 19 and 26, 2.30pm. Until Mar 26.

SOUTHAMPTON: Martin Shaw, Diana Quick and Alan Dobie star in **Rough Justice**, a courtroom drama by Terence Frisby, whose first hit was *There's a Girl in My Soup*. West End-bound
Nuffield, University Road (0703 671771). Previews from tonight, 7.30pm. Opens March 15, then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Apr 2, 2.30pm. Until Apr 2 ◪

GLASGOW: Scottish Ballet celebrates its silver jubilee by tackling the grandest of Tchaikovsky's ballets, **The Sleeping Beauty**, for the first time. Galina Samsova directs, costumes by Jasper Conran. Sharing the title role with the company's own dancers will be Lesley Collier from Covent Garden and ex-Bolshoi ballerina Ludmila Semenyaka.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street, (041-332 9000) Tonight, 7.15pm. All evening performances, 7.15pm; plus Mar 12 and 19, 2.15pm and Mar 17, 1.30pm. Until Mar 19. ◪

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life. Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) **British Museum:** Himalayan and Japanese Art from the Schmitt-Meade Collection (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall:** The Thirties, Anxiety and Escapism (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery:** *Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII* (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery:** Zurbarán's Jacob and his Twelve Sons (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts:** Art of the Ancient World; The Unknown Modigliani (071-439 7438) ... **Tate:** Picasso (071-887 8008) ... **V & A:** Fabergé; The Golden Age 1730-1760: brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **APRIL IN PARIS:** Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm.

□ **ENDGAME:** Peter Bourke and John Quentin play Hamm and Clov in a rare Beckett revival, the original dustbin play.
BAC Studio 2, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; Sun 5.30pm. Until March 13. ◪

◪ **JANE EYRE:** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith do their best in Fay Weldon's puzzling version of the well-known melodrama.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. ◪

■ **EDDIE IZZARD:** The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19.

■ **THE KITCHEN:** Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls are not in use; there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between, with 30 chefs rushing manically about. Terrific.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm.

◪ **ALEXANDRA KOLLONTAI:** Barbara Ewing's fascinating one-woman show about the forgotten comrade of the Bolshevik Revolution, Lenin's eloquent comrade.
New End, 27 New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tue-Sat, 8pm; Sun 3pm and 5.30pm. Until March 27.

■ **THE OLD LADIES:** Faith Brook, Doreen Mantle and Miriam Karlin in Rodney Ackland's tense thriller, set in a cathedral city and concerning a mysterious piece of amber.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) Now previewing, 7.45pm. Opens Mar 15, 7pm; until Apr 2. ◪

□ **OMMA:** Subtitled *Oedipus and the Luck of Thebes*. Tim Supple's production; Kenneth McLeish's script draws on many Greek sources. See review, page 37.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 3pm and Mar 16, 2pm. Until April 2. ◪

□ **PADDYWACK:** Daniel Magee's disappointingly two dimensional study of Kilburn Brits reacting to an enigmatic Irishman in their midst.
Cockpit, Gateforth St, NW8 (071-402 5081) Mon-Sat 8pm, until March 26. ◪

◪ **PEER GYNT:** Ninagawa's internationally-cast production of Ibsen. Imaginative, designed for the video age but a longish haul. Eye-catching performance from Michael Sheen.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7pm. ◪

◪ **PERE GORIOT:** A father's self-sacrificing love for his unimpressed daughters: Geoffrey Bevers adapts and directs Balzac's great novel.
Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mat Sat, 4pm. Final week. ◪

□ **SEPTEMBER TIDE:** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion stars Susannah York and Michael Praed.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

◪ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL:** Complicité's profoundly moving staging of John Berger's tale of an Alpine woman loving and enduring all.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, Hammersmith, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 8 pm; mats some Sat, 3.30 pm. ◪

■ **WICKED, YAAR!:** Urban fairytale where a genie helps a bullied Asian cricketing hopeful. Surging bhangra music but opportunities for a tougher analysis of racism are missed.
National, (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight and Mar 16-19, 7.30pm; mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. ◪

■ **WILDEST DREAMS:** Ayckbourn's mixed hilarious despair with grim laughter of fantasy-game addicts.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm; mat Sat, 2pm. Final performances ◪

LONG RUNNERS

◪ **An Absolute Turkey:** Globe (071-494 5065) ... □ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... □ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... □ **Carousel:** Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) ... □ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... □ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease:** Dominion (071-580 8845) □ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... □ **Me and Mamie O'Rourke:** Strand (071-930 8800) ... ◪ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... □ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... □ **Oleanna:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... □ **Piaf:** Piccadilly (071-867 1118) ... □ **Relative Values:** Savoy (071-836 8888) ... ◪ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... □ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055) ... □ **Travels With My Aunt:** Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ◪ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

THE BALLAD OF LITTLE JO (15): Well-heeled girl passes as a man in a gold rush mining town. Over-solemn feminist Western from director Maggie Greenwald; with Suzy Amis.
Metro (071-437 0757)

SHADOWLANDS (U): Skilful rendition of William Nicholson's play about C. S. Lewis's emotional awakening. With Anthony Hopkins and Debra Winger; Richard Attenborough directs.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

SHORT CUTS (18): Robert Altman's dazzling kaleidoscope of fractured lives in Los Angeles. The superb cast includes Andie MacDowell, Bruce Davison, Tim Robbins, Matthew Modine and Lily Tomlin.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Gate** ◪ (071-727 4043) **Lumière** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer, Winona Ryder.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) **MGMs: Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

◆ **A BRONX TALE** (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by Robert De Niro.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3303)

LA CRISE (15): Misfortunes rain down on the French bourgeoisie. Attractive social comedy from Coline Serreau with Vincent Lindon and Patrick Timsit.
Everyman (071-435 1525)

◆ **MALICE** (15): Alec Baldwin's hot-shot doctor shatters Nicole Kidman and Bill Pullman's domestic bliss. Shallow, serpentine and stupefying thriller; director, Harold Becker.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Robin Williams as the divorced dad hired as the family's housekeeper. With Sally Field and Pierce Brosnan. Chris Columbus directs.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PELICAN BRIEF** (12): Law student Julia Roberts is trailed by hired killers and the FBI. Sleek, fatuous version of John Grisham's novel, co-starring Denzel Washington. Director, Alan J. Pakula.
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TELEVISION REVIEW: **Lynne Truss** on last night's Screen Two drama, *Skallagrigg*

Elusive answer to classic riddle

IT WAS Oedipus who finally solved the Riddle of the Sphinx. "What goes on four legs in the morning, two legs at midday, and three legs in the evening?" she asked, conceitedly polishing her lion's claws on her woman's bazooms, confident she was unanswerable. The famous solution was a bit of a let-down, though. "*Man* goes on four legs, two legs and three legs," answered Oedipus. "First crawling, then walking, then leaning on a stick. Am I right? Or am I right?"

In last night's Screen Two, *Skallagrigg* (BBC2), Bernard Hill played John, a man with few ostensible classical-hero characteristics — in fact, a plain modern everyman of a Dad occupying the unremarkable two-leg phase. But he faced an identical Oedipal riddle: where do three-legged people live? His disabled daughter Esther, who notably travelled not on legs at all, but on wheels, was leading him through a network of disabled storytellers in search of the "Skallagrigg", but they had run up against this abstruse clue, and were stumped. Hill pondered it at the seaside, frowning, while two old people ambled past, leaning forward on walking-sticks against the breeze. Like Oedipus before him, he suddenly twigged, and entered the myth himself.

Skallagrigg, adapted by Nigel Williams from a book by William Horwood, was a funny, unreal, intangible drama of love and rejection, which somehow sidelined the issues of disability by concentrating on the healing power of story. As acted very believably by the disabled Kerry Noble, the main thing about daughter Esther was not her cerebral palsy, nor even her bitterness towards her neglectful Dad, but her sturdy literal belief in Arthur, an archetypal helpless cripple whose lifetime of brutal treatment at the hands of a sadist wielding a window-pole had been softened by a faith in the protective Skallagrigg. (The word turned out to be a corruption of "scallywag", the only term of endearment Arthur ever heard.)

These Arthur stories — done in flashback shades of permanent blue, set in tall gloomy hospital dormitories of cathedral dimensions, or amid dreamy ranks of flapping bed-sheets out of doors — were oppressively ghastly, it has to be said. Window-poles will never seem innocent again. In fact, the child Arthur (Adam Walker) screeched so distressingly during his torments that against all my critical instincts I actually phoned the producer for assurance that the boy was acting (he was).

How appropriate to be caught dithering between fiction and reality, though. If it was comforting for Esther to think Arthur was real, it was comforting to the viewer to assume he was just a story. In the end, he turned out to be *Richard Briers*, which was an outcome so unlikely that I decided just to accept it, and not argue.

Hill's Dad did a lot of accepting, too. He started off a little hostile ("Who does this for you at school? Whatever they pay them, it's not enough"), but essentially he was good-natured and made minimal fuss.

Perhaps, having belatedly volunteered for inclusion in the alien world of Esther and her cronies Raj (Tom Tomalin, a wisecracker in a wheelchair) and Tom (Karl Andrew Purden, with Downs Syndrome), it was a short step to chauffeuring a fictional quest, solving ancient riddles, and playing cheerful straight-man for other people's jokes.

"We'll all end up in Dartmoor," avers John, when they abduct Arthur's old friend Frank from the hospital. "But there's no disabled access to Dartmoor," comes the quick reply.


Kerry Noble and Bernard Hill in Nigel Williams's BBC Television adaptation of William Horwood's *Skallagrigg*, shown last night

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Maid in heaven, but the staging is hell

Maid of Orleans
RNCM, Manchester

WHAT inspired Tchaikovsky to make an opera out of Schiller's *Maid of Orleans* is not too difficult to work out: sexual guilt and its consequences were of profound concern to him. What inspired the Royal Northern College of Music to stage it (not quite for the first time in Britain: the Bolshoi performed *Orleanskaya Dyeva* on its epic visit to Glasgow in 1990) is another question.

Surely, they would not go to such lengths, constructing a cathedral and a palace, grappling with the logistic problems involved in the elaborate and numerously populated ceremonials, rehearsing sword-fights and battle scenes, coaching 12 principal singers and a chorus in Russian ... just because they feel they have the right singer for the title role?

Actually, if they had done all that to show off Jane Irwin as Joan of Arc (in the mezzo alternative arranged by the composer himself) nobody could blame them. Here is a voice of extraordinary integrity, finely focused and well developed in sound except at the very top of the range, pitched with scarcely failing accuracy. In addition to those technical characteristics it also has an undefinable but quite palpable quality of ardour in it. She is not a natural actress but, performing the limited moves prescribed for her in the ill-designed costumes provided, she retains a simple and moving dignity.

Otherwise, the vocal distinction is to be found among the baritones and basses, above all in Ashley Holland's stentorian Dubois but also in Martin Snell's Thibaut d'Arc. Joan's rhythmically awkward and grotesquely wigged shepherd father, and Craig Smith's Lionel, the Burgundian renegade with whom she so disastrously falls in love. This means that there are large areas of the score where the less successfully cast student singers have the stage to themselves, notably in the second act, which is further hampered by an acrobatic entertainment that might usefully have been cut.

Even so — and bearing in mind that Stefan Janski's production, though well organised, is minimally inspired and that Charles Cusick Smith's designs, with the exception of Rheims Cathedral, are depressingly ugly — it could be worth making the effort to get to see one of the four remaining performances (on Saturday and then March 16, 22 and 25). *The Maid of Orleans* is generally high-quality Tchaikovsky, and there is scarcely a dull moment in its four hours' duration. Technically more successful with the chorus than with an uncharacteristically vulnerable RNCM orchestra, Paul McGrath is stylistically well equipped to make the most of it.

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Growing reputations

La finta giardiniera
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MOZART's comedy has a famously untranslatable title: "The Feigned Lady Gardener" doesn't exactly trip off the tongue, but Paul Griffiths's solution of "She Stoops to Compost" gets full marks for ingenuity. Either way, it is slowly but surely re-entering the canon, just as *Idomeneo* and *Tito* have in the last generation. It deserves to. It is packed full of glorious music, and each moment works. It is just that each moment doesn't necessarily follow on *from the last. The shifts in mood are as* unsettling as those in the mature comedies, but less integrated in the general plan. For heaven's sake, the composer was only 18.

It is a big test for students — vocally, it is ceaselessly demanding — but Tuesday's GSMD cast was given plentiful support. Clive Timms's tempos were perfectly judged, and he drew astonishingly assured playing from his young orchestra, at once robust and sensitive. Stephen Medcalf's production, in elegant decor by Isabella Bywater, started off with a *graphic rape and attempted murder in* the herbaceous border (I do wish people would leave overtures alone) and after some early byplay with cameras and cocktail trolleys calmed down: each moment was given its due weight, and the cast helpfully guided from one to the next.

The title role was sung by Catrin Wyn Davies, who took a degree in drama before she started to study singing. Her confidence on stage is as impressive as her bright, secure soprano. She joins the Welsh National Opera later in the year, and I hope we *shall hear much of her. Mark Milhofer* had the hardest task as her near-murderer, the Count Belfiore. The character starts as a Hooray Henry, wittily drawn in the music, and ends as a romantic hero — fine, but you can see the joins. Milhofer started dryly and nervously (the part lies high), but his tone gained extra honey as he relaxed.

The Swedish soprano Linda Tuvås played Arminda as a dizzy bimbo in a magenta lampshade of a frock — very funny — and her English is amazingly idiomatic: she put one or two other members of the cast to shame with her clear projection of Amanda Holden's sprightly translation. That was the only problem with Emma Joanna Colledge's *travesti* Ramiro: firm, fruity mezzo tone, but a sudden lack of consonants when she moved from recitative to aria.

Helene Wold (the sarky maid Serpetta), Mark Evans (her hangdog admirer Nardo) and Gwyn Hughes Jones, a baritone successfully turned tenor (the Mayor), completed the well-prepared cast.

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BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE is the man to blame if there are significant playwrights missing from the revised *Oxford Guide to 20th-Century Literature in English*, to be published next year. He recently finished penning 175 entries on dramatists and plays of importance. But he is still worried by the borderline cases that have materialised in his worst fantasies. What, he asks, will posterity say about the exclusion of this motley crew?

BARTLEY, Hartley *(1860-1963)*, born Reg Hedge in Peckham, was a "drawing-room dramatist" noted for his stylish portraiture of a suave aristocracy, cheerful if mentally limited retainers, and comic foreigners. Though eventually overshadowed by Lonsdale (q.v.) and Coward (q.v.), he enjoyed a modest success with *Mayfair Madge* (1911), *Buck House Bertie* (1927) and *Belgravia Buffy* (1948). Despite an acclaimed performance by Dame Celia Mauve as a lively divorcee whose answer to the servant problem is to hire her titled friends to nouveaux-riches Americans, *Dukes, Earls, Marquesses, Baronets and Butlers* (1957), did not impress the post-Osborne generation.

GRUDGE, Cliff *(1950-)*, born Gerald Thystle-Twyssel in Gloucestershire, was educated at Eton and Gateshead Polytechnic, where he formed the theatre group Class Warfare. Among the plays this brought to working men's clubs and other informal venues were *Them Versus Us* (1970), *Us Versus Them* (1972), and *Heil Heath* (1973), later updated as *Heil Callaghan* (1978), *Heil Thatcher* (1982) and *Heil Major* (1993). Though Grudge has been criticised for didacticism, he has also been praised for an uncompromising integrity, as well as for a blunt humour evident in *King Arthur and Maggie Le Fay* (1984), his account of the Miners' Strike, and *Pus* (1989), a satire on modern Conservatism.

STONE, A. Mason *(1880-1949)*, educated at Westminster School, was one of several playwrights dealing with historical themes in the 1920s and 1930s. *The Other Hereward* (1922), *Harthacanute, Son of Canute* (1926), *The Grey Prince* (1930) and *Blondel's Half-Brother* (1933) all embody the belief that, in his words, "quite great events are best glimpsed through the eyes of the not quite great". *Slow Tread* (1925 onwards), his 100-play cycle about the Hundred Years War, still awaits its first production.

GOBSMACK, Jim *(1945-)*, educated at Bootle Secondary Modern, is the author of a series of north-country comedies notable for their extravagant characterisation, ebullient humour and sympathy for ordinary folk. *Chortling in Chorley* (1982) was followed by his greatest success to date, *Bonkers in Bootle* (1986), about a couple who startle the conventional by starting a dildo emporium in a small northern town. With *Is Bobby Charlton in Benidorm?* (1990), which follows the fortunes of a group of beer-loving football referees holidaying in Spain, he was, however, agreed to have ventured beyond his range.

SORRY, Ariana *(1875-1907)*, born in Stow-on-the-Wold and educated by governesses, wrote a series of socially-conscious plays indebted to Shaw and Galsworthy: *Blame* (1904), *Shame* (1905) and *Pain* (1906). She was engaged on the unfinished *Hurt*, "about the anguish of being an Edwardian", before dying of blood-poisoning caused by the rusty chains with which she had shackled herself to the railings outside the Home Office.

STREAKOFF, Dave *(1940-)*, born in Stepney and self-educated, founded the touring Armpit Theatre in 1965 but is best known for a series of one-man plays, performed by himself and notable for their anarchic humour, raucous language and physical inventiveness. These include *Shag* (1970), *Slash* (1972), *Gob* (1974), *Smooch* (1987) and *Prat* (1990). His three-hour adaptation of Beckett's (q.v.) one-minute play *Breath*, retitled *Puke*, enjoyed a brief run at the National.

FLYE, Deirdre *(1908-88)*, born in Suffolk, was one of the lesser luminaries in the campaign, spearheaded by Eliot (q.v.) and Fry (q.v.), to restore poetry to English drama. Her plays, which include *Stuttering Hearts* (1946), *Make Moan* (1948), *Nightjars in Purgatory* (1951) and *Ah, Conduits!* (1953), lack the dramatic energy of the Jacobean playwrights, but have won admirers for the sensitivity with which they chronicle, usually in terza rima, what Flye called "the small, significant throbs in the wayward pulse that lurks half-heard in the hidden lanes of England".

NUTTER, Norton *(1928-)*, born and educated in Chipping Norton, enjoyed a vogue as a practitioner of "absurdism", a genre associated with Ionesco (q.v.) and, in England, N.F. Simpson (q.v.). *Snorkling for Mice* (1958) was followed by the slightly more successful *Jest One Thong After An Udder* (1959), a whimsical satire whose targets include corporal punishment, the Milk Marketing Board and the meaninglessness of life.

FERRET, Kevin *(1930-)*, was born and educated in Edmonton: the same "dank British torture-chamber" where he was to set his play *Paved* (1966). Containing a scene in which a landlord sucks out the brains of tenants with a straw, it set the tone for subsequent plays, among them Ferret's *Tempest* (1970), a reworking of the Shakespeare play in which a colonial governor is graphically murdered during the "Caliban uprising", and *Prejudice and Pride* (1974), in which Jane Austen, having belatedly recognised her part in the oppression of the peasantry, commits suicide with a hatpin. Though his radical socialism has not won universal sympathy in recent years, Ferret has remained unswerving in his views, producing a series of short plays in which Stalin, Pol Pot and others are seen arraigning a cruel British Establishment.

MACE, Doreen *(1970-)*, born in Birkenhead and educated at the Womyn's Workshop in Liverpool, is best known for her work with the avant-garde theatre group, The Curse. Her plays, mostly improvised with this company, include *Sock 'em Sappho* (1991), in which a Merseyside witches coven retroactively abolishes the male of the species and, with it, "western himstory and uncivilisation"; and *Loo Lib* (1993), in which the heroine, a tampon-machine filler, converts Britain's female population to radical lesbianism by scrawling graffiti in public lavatories. Mace has also written for such television shows as *Miss Marple* and *Bob Monkhouse's Happy Hour*.

DANCE

Gin and bare it

Laid Out Lovely
The Place

Emilyn Claid comes on as one of baller's less magical personalities, hobbling into rehearsal on damaged feet, fag permanently on the go. A glass of gin in hand, she is destined for an early grave. She fits in perfectly with Claid's new show, *Laid Out Lovely*, as well as being a delicious spoof of the ballerina "with temperament".

The roles she dances illustrate ballet's obsession with tragic heroines who expire decorously — after sapping their strength with intricate displays of virtuosity. Actually, *Laid Out Lovely* could qualify as typical Royal Ballet material, with love, death and fantasy as its prime ingredients. But the way these are mixed together and leavened with comedy make it all a sight more original.

Symbols abound: fragmentary situations lurch from cosy normality to grisly incongruity, from sex to death in all possible permutations. Claid, in another persona as voracious conqueror, drags a coffin behind her: this is the unshakeable reality that follows us. She and Russell Trigg perform a dionysian dance of simulated copulation on and around the coffin, stripping themselves naked before disappearing under the lid. They are both evangelists of sex and angels of death.

The show has "a rotting romance" as its subtitle; and romance appears as quite a contrast. As Claid and Trigg indulge in their raw writhings, Brenton Surgenor, on bended knee clasping a bouquet of roses, sings a duet with Olwen May. But even here decay and death insinuate themselves. "Darling," they trill, "I will love you more than ever when the ivy grows beneath your fingernails."

Gruesome horror shifts to black comedy at split-second speed. *Laid Out Lovely* owes its success to the canniness of Claid and director Nigel Charnock, and to the other performers, who dance and sing with equal skill. Hugh Nankivell arranged and plays the music wonderfully.

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THEATRE: Thebes comes to the Young Vic

Myth-guided tour of ancient Greece

"THERE are hardly any visible remains sufficiently important to excite the interest or awaken the enthusiasm of the visitor," says the *Blue Guide*. "An undistinguished town," agrees *Michelin* in its cool French way.

But the Thebes to be found in modern Boeotia towers with distinction and swirls with excitement beside the grim, abstract city that Tim Supple and his designer, Ashley Martin-Davies, have created for **Omma**, their retelling of the Oedipus, Polynices and Antigone stories at the Young Vic, sponsored by BMP DDB Needham.



Josie Ayers: moving through the murk like a diver on the sea-bed

What, I wonder, would a Michelin inspector make of their Thebes? "Those wishing to escape the Greek sun may appreciate a city where — apart from the odd dangling night-light or slanting moonbeam — the air is permanently dark. Those glutted with sight-seeing may at first be grateful there is nothing to distract the eye except for the big black microphones at which the black-clothed inhabitants stand when they are not indulging in their main activity: which is walking very slowly across the black ground and talking through the tiny black microphones that protrude from the steel bands looped over their heads. However, the tourists most likely to find lasting enjoyment in Thebes are witches, vampires, werewolves, owls and bats."

Actually, the effect is rather of a convocation of television floor-managers who, for reasons unknown, are in deep mourning. There are four of them in all, three men in black jackets or jumpers or both, and one woman in a black trouser suit with matching blouse. They shift from character to character as they act out truncated *Oedipus Rex* and then move briefly on to Aeschylus's *Seven Against Thebes* and Sophocles's *Antigone* before spouting Oedipus's clincher-line through their mikes: "Count none of us happy until the day we die."

To call the result bleak is as gratuitous as to call Siberia cold; but it does have an austere integrity all its own. Kenneth McLeish's script is too grittily vivid, his love of Sophocles and Aeschylus too evident, for him to merit the obvious slur, which is of serving up canned classics or potted myths.

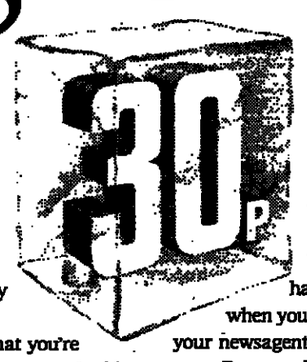
Again, Supple may be right to argue, as he does in the programme, that it is difficult to create a feeling of "poetic intensity" with thesps in archaic costumes prancing around Doric columns uttering wails of "eleleu" and "ototoioi".

But has he found a good alternative for his four performers — Conrad Nelson, Josie Ayers, Colin R. Campbell, Paul M. Meston? They talk as feverishly as fighter pilots on collision course in the sky, yet move through the murk like divers lolloping along on the sea-bed. Take or leave the very occasional striking effect — Oedipus caged in thin bars of light — and the audience might as well keep its eyes shut throughout.

There must be more arresting ways of tracking the curses, tyrants, sufferings, victims, anguishings about destiny, prophecies, disasters and deaths that constitute Theban pre-history. There must be better ways of bringing the city to life than imaginatively razing it.

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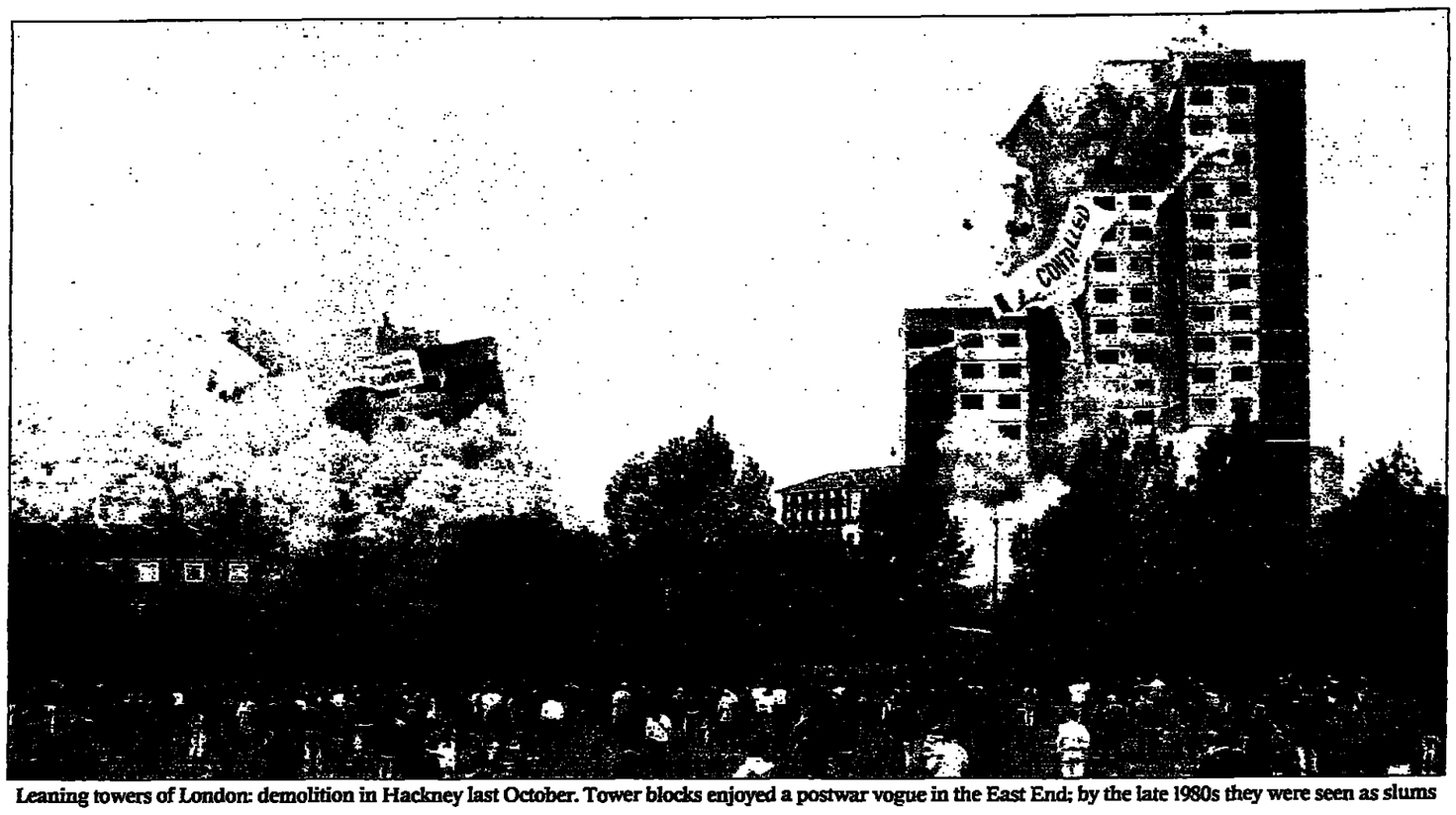
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Our concrete tours de force

Peter Mandler is impressed by the definitive history of the tower block, but still wonders who was to blame for these eyesores



Leaning towers of London: demolition in Hackney last October. Tower blocks enjoyed a postwar vogue in the East End; by the late 1980s they were seen as slums

Who is responsible for the tower block? The usual bogeys are, in the right-wing version, radical-chic architects and planners, armed with totalitarian blueprints and socio-psychobabble; in the left-wing version, wettish Tory governments aiming for acclaim and growth through high levels of housing starts, but heedless of the working-class community and quality of life. In the Glendinning and Muthesius version, blame is not in question, and yet the evidence they present leads to the rather creepy conclusion that we are all of us guilty.

Surely the architects do have much to answer for: the pseudo-scientific conjuring with "need and fit", sunlight angles and optimal densities, the incredibly loose handling of serious sociological concepts like "community" and "mobility" simply to suit increasingly abstract ideologies of design.

The planners come out of things slightly better. Their postwar formula of slum clearance, "overspill" into New Towns, and "mixed developments" — flexible combinations of cottages, low flats, maisonettes and high flats — looks positively utopian next to the megastructures under examination. But that was the drawback: utopias are by their nature too centralised and dictatorial for the crazy diversity of the modern age.

Indeed, this very diversity and mobility contributed directly to the rise of the tower block. Young married couples, with or without children; older people; lodgers; young unmarried people — all wanted out of the family home. Councillors of the 1950s tell tales of stormy surgeries, constituents doorstepping them, demanding slum clearance, and demanding, too, modern flats with central heating, integrated bathrooms and proper kitchens. High-rise flats seemed an unobjectionable means of meeting such insistent demand.

Once inside the tower blocks, the same restless and free-wheeling populations quickly turned them into disaster areas. There may be something intrinsically alienating about tower-block life, but the way in which the blocks could deteriorate instantly suggests that many residents were alienated even before they moved in. Sex in lifts, graffiti and public urination were problems encountered from the minute the first blocks went up.

The actors given closest attention by *Tower Blocks* are the local councillors whose interpretation of all these needs and pressures give us slabs and point blocks. Glendinning and Muthesius refute the standard leftish argument that Tory governments with their multi-storey subsidies (or, alternatively, monopoly building contractors) manipulated local authorities into building high.

The only decisive central government intervention was a Labour one, aiming not at high-density but the reverse. This was the "land trap", planning controls that were intended to force metropolitan authorities to rehouse their slum populations beyond their boundaries. Many urban barons refused to comply. Instead they devised ingenious circumventions of the planning controls. A gap-filling and site-cramming public housing programme could only mean tower blocks, the higher the better.

In *Tower Block*'s account, the key figures are tireless, chain-smoking local government zealots like Glasgow's David Gibson, "a white-faced, intense, driving idealist, absolutely fanatical and sincere", of a kind even the planners couldn't help admiring. The multi-storey subsidy, for instance, is analysed as a result of a relentless municipal lobbying. Birmingham supplied the cutting edge. Its leadership crowded into the housing minister's office and said, "Look, Minister, you've got to change this! We're the City of Birmingham, not some tiddly little country town — we want these rules changed!" "And," recalls the then new Birmingham city architect, "he did! I was staggered — I thought it was fantastic!"

This and many similar stories are retailed in *Tower Block* with great verve and at the same time with great sophistication. If the municipal leaders lend a formidably technical volume a wonderful human touch, they are never caricatured nor, ultimately, assigned an independent role. It remains obscure whether municipal gigantism was more a result of councillors' empire-building, or of idealism, or of technological hubris, or again of that grass-roots pressure for new homes.

The complexity of the processes at work is reflected in the great diversity of outcomes. The result in many places (not just Glasgow and Birmingham, but also Portsmouth and Brighton) was a lot of horribly similar tower blocks, but the result in many other places was quite different. London was a haven for "mixed development" and planning-minded architecture; so was Coventry. Low-rise public housing continued to thrive everywhere; indeed, tower blocks hardly account for 15 per cent of all new public housing units built between 1945 and 1979.

This disconcerting statistic points to the book's major defect. It is the definitive work on the high-rise block of flats; but despite its sub-title, it gives nothing like a comprehensive picture of modern public housing. By embracing this bias, the authors succeed magnificently in conveying the excitement of High Modernism at its most dizzying heights, but not the objective analysis of modern housing to which they aspire, as the full story lies nearer street-level. We may be responsible for the tower block, but we are not so guilty, after all.

TOWER BLOCK
Modern Public Housing in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
Miles Glendinning and Stefan Muthesius
Yale University Press, £40

How to unlock thought

Oliver Letwin

THE MIND OF JOHN LOCKE
By Ian Harris
Cambridge University Press, £40

Witness the authentic voice of modern academe: "Locke's political thought figures as the product of a wider vision of existence. Of course, it is not that alone: in particular, it embodies a technique through which general views were mediated into propositions of a specifically political relevance." A joy to read? Then read on: Ian Harris gives us 330 pages of this thrilling, perspicuous prose — with another 100 pages of notes and bibliography for those who find the text itself lightweight.

But one should not be mislead by the length of the footnotes or the obscurity of the prose. Harris is a member of the well-known Cambridge school of political thought, whose ambition is to persuade us that thinkers have to be understood "in context". This means that all thinking consists of propaganda for a particular "vision" — a "vision" formed in reaction to the "context" in which the thinker finds himself.

Accordingly, Harris has a *theory* about what Locke was trying to *achieve*. Locke, we are told, grew up in a hierarchial world where those at the top told those at the bottom how to behave and what to think. Locke objected to such hierarchy and consequently wrote a lot of books in which he argued that individuals are capable of working things out for themselves.

Is Harris right to claim that, beneath the appearance of an effort to get at philosophical truth, Locke was in fact peddling this "vision"? The evidence against Harris's claim is strong. Harris does not



Locke: did he have a vision?

seem, for example, to be able to explain very much of Locke's *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, most of which consists of a detailed enquiry into the origins of knowledge. If Locke's purpose was only to establish that individuals can know things without being told them by people higher up a hierarchy, there were plenty of ways in which he could have made the point without going to the trouble of working out an entire empiricist epistemology.

Harris's response to this sort of argument would doubtless be that his theory is not meant to be a comprehensive explanation of everything Locke wrote. But we are then left with two options: either Harris's theory is a false description of the whole of what Locke was doing or it is a true description of only part of what Locke was doing.

In fact, the second possibility seems the more plausible. It is natural to follow Harris in reading much of Locke's moral, political and even theological writing as an argument in favour of allowing the individual to use his reason, unimpeded by potentially tyrannical controls imposed from above. It is not, however, natural to read Locke's great theory of knowledge in this way. Why should one invent a complicated explanation in terms of propaganda, when there is the simple explanation that Locke was conducting exactly the disinterested philosophical investigation that he said he was conducting?

There is a wider question — what is Harris's "context"? What are he and his confrères trying to achieve? Do they honestly believe that the world of thought consists of people trying to peddle elaborately disguised propaganda? If so, how can they coherently claim that their own works fall under the category of truth rather than that of propaganda? Or are they consciously engaging in the same sort of propaganda that they accuse others of? If so, what is their ulterior purpose? Or is it all a game?

Whatever the motives may be, the results will be pernicious. Philosophy is not merely a tawdry rationalisation of quasi-political pre-conceptions, and civilisation will be immeasurably impoverished if people think that it is.

The little grey cells learn about life

David Sington

THE NATURE OF KNOWLEDGE
By Henry Plotkin
Allen Lane, £20

HOW DO we come to know what we know, and can we know that what we know is true? Philosophers have made a good living out of these conundrums for some 2,500 years, but if Professor Plotkin is right, they may soon have to find another line of work. In his fascinating and original book he argues that science is now in a position to tackle these matters, which means that the questions may finally get answered.

For scientists, knowledge boils down to the arrangement of matter in the head. If I know that Hampstead is a district of London, then some sort of match exists between the way my brain cells are connected and the structure of the world. If I believe that Hampstead is in Paris, then there is a mismatch between the way my brain is arranged and the way the world is arranged. Knowing is thus a question of establishing a satisfactory match between internal bodily structures and the external structure of the environment.

Most scientists hold to the commonsense view that this match is achieved by the simple expedient of having the brain make copies, *representations* in the jargon, of what it sees around it. I see a map of London and make a copy of it inside my head. This is Aristotle's idea of the brain as a ball of soft wax upon which the world is impressed. Unfortunately, as Kant pointed out, this concept creates intractable philosophical difficulties.

However, Plotkin reminds us, a completely different mechanism for achieving matches between an organism and its environment was discovered 150 years ago by Charles Darwin. During the 18th century naturalists began to document in detail the extraordinary fit between the forms of animals and the world around them. Darwin showed that these adaptations arise spontaneously through a process of natural selection, as nature continually eliminates from the enormous diversity of all living things those creatures whose form does not adequately match their circumstances.

For Plotkin, adaptations are a sort of knowledge about the world — the original knowledge created with the origin of life. This insight leads him to the central idea of his book: that just as evolution can be understood as a process of acquiring *genetic* knowledge of the world, so the *brain* learns about the world through an evolution process.

THE BRAIN is not a passive malleable entity moulded by the environment, but an active "Darwin machine", continuously generating a huge variety of competing hypotheses about the world and selecting from among them those that will best fit reality.

This view does more than resolve the philosophers' epistemological problems. It offers a radically new scientific perspective on human nature, one which, for example, is much better able to accommodate notions of free will.

Today, there is a fierce argument raging among scientists as to its validity. Plotkin manages to achieve the rare feat of making a debate at the cutting edge of science entirely clear to the layman. His book should be required reading for humans with brains.

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Antonia Fraser

WOMEN AND PROPERTY IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND
By Amy Louise Erickson
Routledge, £40

Might a cynical description of America today, in the freezing grip of political correctness, describe it as "A paradise for Women", with woman herself "a favourite of the law"? Surprisingly, this is in fact how male commentators in the early 17th century viewed the status of the English female. As Amy Erickson points out drily: "This insistence that English women were in practice treated with extraordinary kindness ... is entirely absent from the writings of women."

Nevertheless Erickson takes this masculine conviction that women had never had it so good as a starting-point to ask what the lives of "ordinary women" (her preferred phrase) during this period were really like. Were the men right? Her book is a scholarly study which is at the same time extremely stimulating on a number of topics which still remain disquieting or controversial.

For example, Erickson starts her chapter on 17th-century "upbringing" by remarking: "A preference for sons rather than daughters is associated with Mediterranean and oriental cultures to the present day." Citing recent "demographic statistics in China, parts of Asia and North Africa" showing that "females die in large numbers as a result of neglect", she points out that girls in western Europe have been supposed to have suffered from the same malign treatment.

But the facts are interestingly different. Orphaned or illegitimate boys and girls were evidently considered to require exactly the same amount of food, since the same amount of money was allowed for them. Prosecutions for killing babies reveal that the sexes suffered equally: a grisly kind of even-handedness. Parents spent as much on the education of their daughters as their sons: both learned to read — but boys then learned to write and the girls learned how to do needlework.

Erickson is a determinedly fair writer: she is at pains to point out that needlework and household skills were more useful in the girls' lives. I find that in this issue she takes her fairness a little too far: Erickson herself admits how often women were disadvantaged in lawsuits by their inability to write.

This is not to say that she is any kind of anti-feminist Marie Antoinette: "Let them ply the needle." On the contrary, she allows herself some pleasant side-swipes at male historians. It is good to be reminded, in a footnote, of Lawrence Stone's "first commandment" of women's history, which the proud patriarch of 17th-century historical studies imparted in the *New York Review of Books* in 1985: "Thou shalt not study women except in relation to men and children." Erickson adds: "He ignores the obvious inverse, that men should be studied only in relation to women and children."

Considering the case of unmarried women — so-called dependants — who stayed at home to look after the household, she describes one Ellen Stout who kept house for her three brothers in succession. Erickson queries whether Ellen Stout was in fact a dependant. Would it not, indeed, be more accurate to describe the three men in question as dependent upon her?

Erickson's main contribution is in the particular sphere of female ownership and inheritance of property. The material about legacies to daughters — who often did quite as well out of their parents as all but the eldest male child — is extremely interesting. The legacies that women left *each other* is another rich field. There was an extraordinary number of Ellen Stouts, unmarried females or "maids". Persistently, single women favoured their nieces, not brothers or nephews, in their wills. Many of Erickson's other women are jolly, energetic widows, who run households, manage property, look after their fatherless children and arrange their lives with exemplary efficiency. You could not possibly describe the state of these women as any kind of paradise, given their inferior legal status, which would not be altered for centuries. But thanks to their own efforts, many of them did at least manage to lead useful and productive lives.

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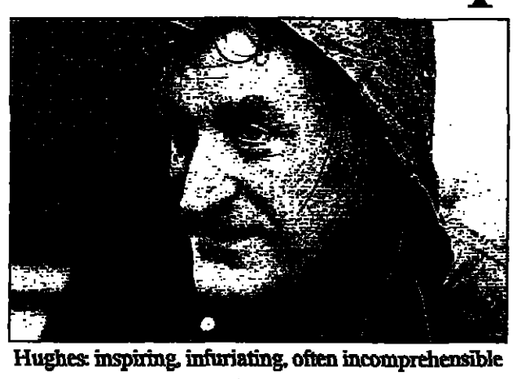
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The general effect of this collection of Ted Hughes's occasional prose is perhaps best summed up by a line from Auden's elegy "In Memory of W.B. Yeats": "You were silly like us; your gifts survived it all..." His essays are by turns invigorating, inspired, infuriating, or infected by a wild and whirling hermetic lunacy that makes them more or less incomprehensible.

The link with W.B. Yeats is not random. Hughes testifies to the revelatory effect upon him as a teenager when he first looked into Yeats's realms of mythic gold. It may seem, however, that both Yeats and Hughes are not that much like most of us even in their silliness. Few of us could manage Yeats's heroic credulity; if you found a cat sleeping upon your fur coat, would you snip the coat in half rather than waking the cat, on the grounds that it was a reincarnated spirit in a mystic trance? Yeats swallowed occultism, magic, mysticism and Mussolini; he was a Theosophist, a Rosicrucian, a Hermetic Student of the Golden Dawn, a disciple of the guru Purohit Swami, and a believer in automatic writing.

Hughes's mental furniture might also be charitably termed eclectic. His chief hobby-horses are the prevalence of Shamanism and Sufism, but he is also receptive to Rosicrucianism, most forms of occult Neoplatonism and any myth that posits a parallel spirit world; he believes in psychometrism — the ability to describe a murderer by handling the murder weapon — psychoanalysis and long-distance faith-healing.

What is disconcerting about all this is that it lets one into a world which is more rather than less private than that of Hughes's poetry. The sheer range of references is initially stimulating, but ultimately baffling. In one essay on Coleridge, you will find a sub-editor's nightmare: Marsyas, the Midgard Serpent and the Norse Nidhogg, Revelations, the "Mother/God/Nature entity", the Great Bird Vuokho, Gilgamesh, Shamanism, Angekok and Arnaquagssak (from "Eskimo flight scenarios"), the "goblins of the *sangsara* on a Tibetan *tanka*", Albina "the Goddess of death, poetic inspiration", Thomas Rymer, Eve and the Demon Lilith, the "mythos" of the Grail, the broken torso of Apollo commanding Rilke "You must change your life," the Virgin Mary, Quetzalcoatl and Xochiquetzal, Kundalini (the "serpent power" in "the curious biological apperception of Indian *spirituality*"), and Christ's apprenticeship among Kashmiri yogi adepts. All this is bound up with biological realities, electrical impulses, electrocardiographs and brainscans. There are sentences like this: "I have touched on her [Geraldine, from Coleridge's ballad "Christabel"] association with the Shaman's Goddess of Life and Death, Mother of the animals, with the Anath behind Jehovah, with Hel and Alphitos, with Isis and the nightmare."



Hughes: inspiring, infuriating, often incomprehensible

This eclecticism might perhaps be appropriate for Coleridge; in practice, it is unilluminating. Deprived of context, the names of these goddesses are brandished as if they possessed in themselves some totemic power. We are in a world of private fetishes.

Perhaps the true problem is that Hughes believes that totems and fetishes are necessarily universal. If you accept, as he appears to, that all primitive societies have a hotline to the spirit world and possess a wisdom repressed by civilisation, then these diverse myths merely tap into one underlying Truth. Hughes is keen to claim that shamanistic dream-initiations cross all cultures, offering continuity from the Sioux Sheman Black Elk to T.S. Eliot. Unsurprisingly, however, Hughes's own readings of these ancient fables are peculiarly of his own time; and we discover, inevitably, that the great "psychic drama" in Coleridge or Shakespeare is essentially sexual.

Hughes is indeed "like us", his silliness only an extreme form of our zeitgeist, with its highly artificial worship of the natural, its sophisticated belief in the superior virtues of the primitive, its intellectual theorising that our "true" selves lie in the irrational. Such beliefs have been around as long as civilisation itself; but Hughes, as he himself points out, was in the vanguard of its modern incarnation, the Green movement.

His poems about animals predated the craze for wildlife films; his fascination with folklore and sacred texts came, he claims, before their republication "in a mass market". All this he sees as part of "one tide" — the movement "to save the earth by a reformed good sense and sensitivity... to rescue 'life' itself." That this is now parrotted by every bubblehead in Hollywood makes it too easy to overlook Hughes's genuine originality.

Or it would be easy, if Hughes's extraordinary gifts did not shine through, fragmentarily surviving it all. There are numerous essays, even more numerous fragments of essays, and innumerable isolated phrases within this book that testify to the extraordinary concentrated energy of his mind, whose darkly involuted powers are indeed his great subject, probed and celebrated.

There is a superbly suggestive comparison between writing poetry and hunting, each with their "special kind of excitement, the slightly mesmerised and quite involuntary concentration" upon the stirrings of a life "outside your own". In such essays, Hughes's eye is indeed upon his subject, with just the hallucinatory intensity he recommends in his essay upon training the imagination, creating almost the effect he describes in one of Eliot's poems: "A curious neurasthenic self-awareness of himself as a thing." He makes one realise that if the workings within one's own skull are so strange, the making of poetry is so mysterious that it is natural to think of it as vatic, a visitation from beyond conscious control. The civilised mind takes Muse or daimon or shamanistic-spirit as metaphorical: to Hughes, such forces are felt as realities.

"The word 'divine'," as Hughes writes, "with its relatives, can never be more than a convenient finger-post towards those orders of experience which mankind goes on stumbling into, in terror and awe, even while he argues about them in terms of brain rhythms and brain chemistry." One could indeed have done without Hughes's wildly-pointing finger-posts — reminiscent of those baffling French signs which read "Toutes Directions/Autres Directions". Yet the journey is a real one. Who but Hughes could describe the suggestive qualities of Shakespeare's language as the "weirdly expressive underswell of a musical neargibberish, like a jostling of spirits"? Something genuine jostles the reader in these writings, despite their neargibberish.



Hell for the masses

John Marenbon

HELL
By Dante Alighieri
Translated by Steve Ellis
Chatto & Windus, £15.99

Most people start to read Dante's *Divine Comedy* because it is a classic: one of a handful of poems recognised as great throughout Europe for centuries. They find (as even Dante's medieval readers found) that it is a difficult, learned poem, which needs notes and commentary if it is to be understood. Many of them find too that, as they come to know it better and better, the *Comedy* speaks to them as intimately, directly and affectingly as any poem.

But Steve Ellis, Dante's latest translator, suspects the venerated classics. His object is to release Dante from the "purlieus of the academy", by putting him into a colloquial English which recaptures "the vigour and directness" and the "popular emphasis" of the original.

Ellis is certainly right to reject the archaic vocabulary and quaint medievalism of some earlier translators. He is probably right to call the first part of the *Comedy* not, as usual, the *Inferno*, but more bluntly *Hell*: that, after all, is what the word means. And, despite his suspicion of the world of scholarship, he wisely includes unoriginal but sensible explanatory footnotes. But what of the translation itself?

Some of the problems are already obvious in the very first line. *Nel mezzo del cammin di nostra vita*, writes Dante — literally, "In the middle of the *pathway* of our life". or (as most translators prefer) the *journey* of our life, but surely not, as Ellis has it, "our *trek* in life", with its wholly inappropriate associations, whether of the Boers or Outward Bound? Alas, examples of such failed attempts at linguistic vigour abound. Where Dante invokes his mind which *wrote (scrivesti)* what he saw, Ellis substitutes the bathetic "scribbled". Where Dante has Ulysses — damned but none the less magnificent — describe how he urged his crew to a "mad" *(folli)* voyage of discovery in what for him is a "little oraton" *(orazion picciola)*, because, though brief, his speech is in set rhetorical form, Ellis makes Ulysses refer self-deprecatingly to his "little sermon" and his "absurd" journey, turning the Greek hero into a tendentiously moralising confidence trickster.

When the reader is not actually misled, he is likely to be bored. For Ellis, colloquialism amounts to flatness, lack of tonal variety and a sort of easy and often ludicrously inappropriate chattiness. So in his version Ugolino, telling how he and his children were locked up and starved to death, remarks jauntily, "But what you couldn't have heard/is just how cruel my death was", rather as if he were explaining why his train was late.

Dante uses at times an Italian which is high-flown, but still clear and direct. At these moments Ellis, by contrast, lapses into pompous confusion, rather like a foreigner trying to make himself understood: "Love, swift in seizing noble hearts,/it took this man with the loveliness/taken from me, and still it hurts". Indeed, even those lines which, as T.S. Eliot explains, are easy for a beginner to grasp and appreciate, since they combine simplicity with an element of surprise, are invariably muffed. For instance, Farinata, pulling himself upright *com'avesse l'inferno in gran dispitto* ("as if he held Hell in great contempt") becomes the unclear and unmemorable "as if he thought Hell was nothing".

Translating the *Comedy* has never been easy, but Ellis has set himself an even more difficult — probably indeed impossible — task: to translate Dante for the sceptical modern reader, wary of literary classics, intolerant of anything he finds long-winded, incapable of concentrating for more than a sound bite. Whether read in translation or in the original (as anyone with an Italian grammar, an Italian dictionary and a prose crib can do), Dante needs patience and effort and, above all, the confidence that, because the *Comedy* is a great poem, it is worthwhile working hard and long to understand it.

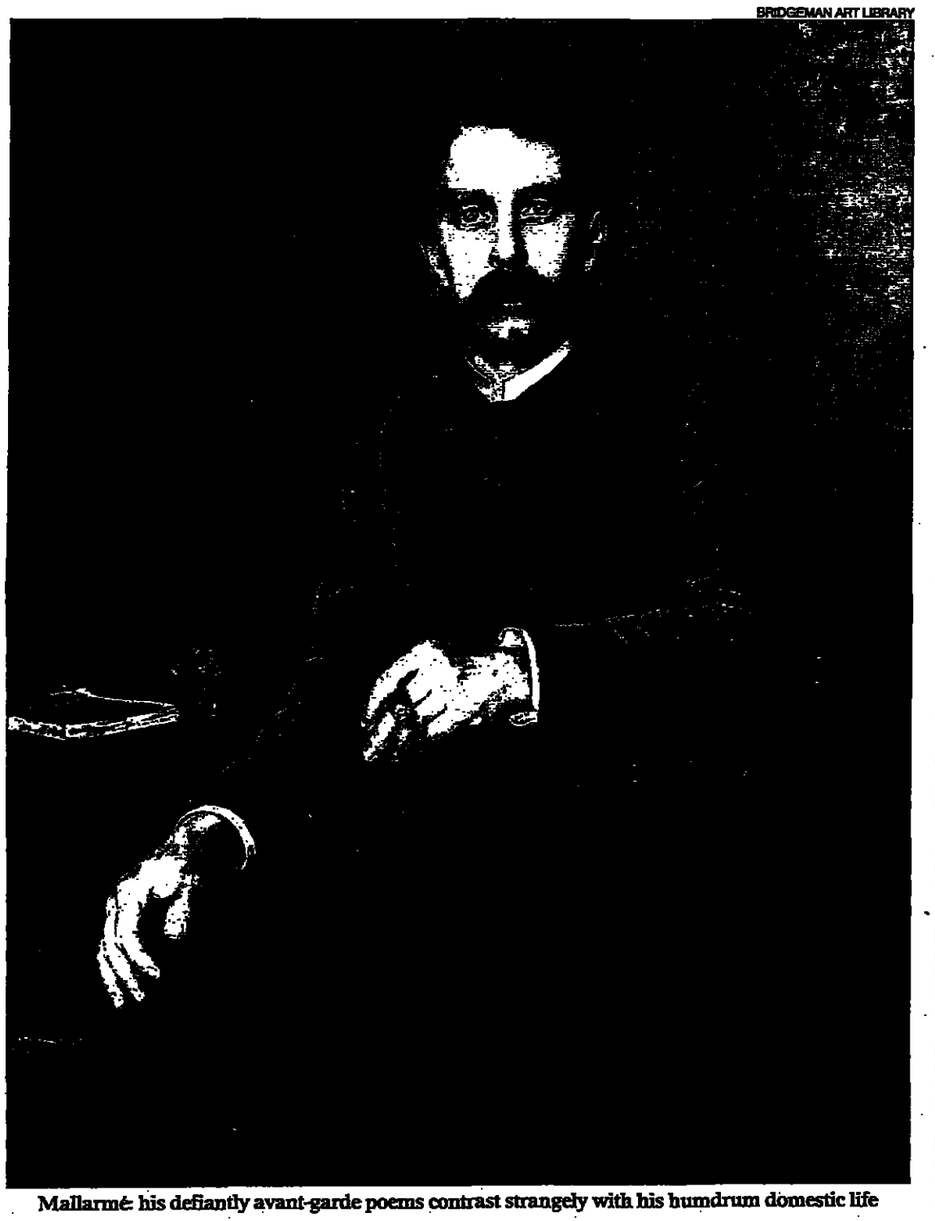
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Obscurity as an art-form

Angelica Goodden

MALLARMÉ
A Throw of the Dice
By Gordon Millan
Secker & Warburg, £30

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Mallarmé: his defiantly avant-garde poems contrast strangely with his humdrum domestic life

For a man whose poetry elected obscurity to a high art, Mallarmé led a curiously prosaic life. The works themselves — a small corpus of defiantly original and experimental writings — may seem to make a mockery of the time-honoured "*clarté française*": Tolstoy claimed to have read several of Mallarmé's poems which had no meaning whatsoever, and Edmund Gosse called *L'après-midi d'un faune* a miracle of unintelligibility. But Gordon Millan's new biography (the first for 50 years) makes clear that Mallarmé's existence was banal to the point of painfulness.

The tension between a sense of everyday restriction and the impulse to artistic expansion is given famous expression in the sonnet "*Le vierge, le vivace et le bel aujourd'hui*" (the virgin, vital and beautiful new day). There the swan's long neck strains towards the sky, but its wings and body remain trapped in the frozen lake: so Mallarmé felt the paradox of the agile mind longing to soar, but held back by circumstance. The prospect of achieving artistic satisfaction seemed, for much of Mallarmé's life, unfairly elusive, despite his friendship with leading writers and painters of the day. Although he was a happy enough family man, he was always conscious of the confinement which domestic existence imposed.

Until he took early retirement, he persevered at a mundane and exhausting job, teaching English (which he did distastefully and badly) in a succession of *lycées*. His salary was barely adequate to support a wife and daughter, and he was never free of money worries. If these conditions were scarcely propitious for producing great literature, Mallarmé sometimes seemed perversely to invite distraction. At one impecunious stage, for instance, he became editor of a fashion magazine, and wrote most of the articles himself.

It was with feeling, then, that he later spoke of the need for creative writers to be supported at richly-endowed colleges, like those he admired in Oxford. Visiting the university to lecture exactly 100 years ago, he remarked with envy that dons, whom he called superior pensioners, apparently received salaries just for being charming people. But perhaps his editorship of a ladies' journal spoke of more than Mallarmé's lack of funds. The world of fashion was one of elegance, charm and delicacy, precisely that of the *bibelots* which haunt his poems. Mallarmé takes the lace, the fan and the bracelet as symbols of what lies beyond experience.

Like Baudelaire, he was in the vanguard of French poetry, and took Poe's aesthetic to its natural conclusion: he created a world of symbols in which words and objects hinted at a transcendent reality. For this purpose he developed a new poetics of allusion, aimed at depicting "not the thing, but the effect which it produces", and did so with all the more confidence for believing that impenetrability was the *sine qua non* of successful poetry. He used language less to describe experience than to construct it, and his reader became an accomplice in this effort at ultimate illumination.

Millan's book is dull because it fails to use language with similar resourcefulness. Too studiously avoiding exegesis of the works, and so falling short as a critical biography, it offers few indications that Mallarmé was *par excellence* a fabricator, delighting in making language assume new meanings.

Like Bacon's spider-philosopher, he wove a web generated from within himself; he was no Baconian bee, merely collecting and displaying beautiful things. His goal, in other words, was to be an elaborator, like a *dentellier* making lace from experience. And that is why the only satisfactory "life" of this poet is one that constructs it, rather than merely describes it, as this study does: not giving us the humdrum stuff of human existence at a remove from the art, but making the existence beautiful and interesting. Only Mallarmé's poetry can translate the prose compellingly.

Flowers and urban grit

WE ARE enjoying, of course, a poetry boom. We get one every quarter century or so. The phenomenon has to do with publicity rather than literature. It is true that more stuff resembling verse is being published than ever before. Frankly, however, if there are more good young poets than usual I have not yet had the pleasure of reading their poems.

The three most interesting books in the current batch of new verse come from a small publisher. All of them are well-printed, and a delight to handle because of this evidence of care, craft, and heart in their production.

Medbh McGuckian's **The Flower Master** *(£10.95 and £5.95 pbk* from Gallery Press, Loughcrew, Oldcastle, County Meath, Ireland) is a revised reprinting of a volume originally published 12 years ago by Oxford University Press. This was not McGuckian's first book, as the blurb here claims, having been preceded by two fascinating pamphlets. The work in it is rich and strange and gorgeous, the product of a mind which revels in its femaleness.

Flower images predominate, and the poet's technique might also be deemed florid, so much does it rely on dense and difficult metaphor to see it through. The poems have been weeded since their first appearance, though, and a number of them now read persuasively as statements of a domestic eroticism verging on the mythological: "My heart, alas,/Is not the calmest of places" as McGuckian observes, perhaps in her own person, in one of the most eloquent of these.

The book demands patience of its reader, but rewards it. Seeming to possess secrets, it yields up meaning with sufficient simplicity on occasion to make us wish for more. McGuckian's is an original voice, and this early sounding of it is worth recall.

Ciaran Carson is literature and traditional arts officer in the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, and his collection **First Language** *(Gallery Press, £11.95 and £5.95 pbk)* has just won the T. S. Eliot prize. One of his earlier books was called *Belfast Confetti* (1989), the name given to the bricolage of stuff used by rioters, which gives you some idea of the character of his work. Enjoying long lines which very well suit his favoured narrative technique, Carson showers the reader with images of urban detritus.

At best he has some of the power of his compatriot Louis MacNeice (there is even a poem included here called "Bagpipe Music", as if in homage to that earlier voice). At worst he sounds like Peter Porter on a bad day, a bard beating out rat-tat-tats on a dustbin he has stuffed to bursting with all that most disgusts him in modern life.

Carson is saved from banality by a touch of surrealism which comes naturally from his preoccupation with the tragedy of his native city; the last line in the book reads: "Grey Belfast dawn illuminated me,/on board the prison ship 'Belfast'." Some lively translations from Ovid and Baudelaire, and a better than lively version of Rimbaud's "*Le bateau ivre*" suggest other directions in which a restless talent might go from here.

CONNOR O'Callaghan's **The History of Rain** *(Gallery Press, £10.95 or £5.95 pbk)* seems to me a first volume of real promise and accomplishment. Its author is 25, grew up in Dundalk, and lives now in Dublin. He writes verse that is simultaneously innocent in what it says yet sophisticated in the way it says it, witness the first stanza of "Song":

I built my house the wrong way round
with the outside in and the inside out.
I have been under the weather ever since,
hoping the world will make inverted sense.

There's good humour in that, as well as a sly intelligence, and the whole package of wit has a musicality which makes it memorable.

Formal dexterity is O'Callaghan's strong suit. The book even contains some villanelles ("The Mild Night" outstanding among them) which work because, like Ernest Dowson and Dylan Thomas, O'Callaghan can write lines which are substantial enough to bear repetition, or to make minute variation worth while.

This young man's metier is the fragment, the glimpse, the moment caught quickly in the hand, looked at, relinquished, celebrated. He writes, as it were, on the run:

The day is gone. My longest memory of trees
is the one in which I walk across a road
to where silver birch leaves are darkened on one side.
The shadows from a story will survive like this.

Either you like this kind of fragmentary tremendousness, or you don't. Either you find something exciting in the poet's capacity for being astonished by trivia, or you dismiss it as trivial in itself. Only indifference is difficult, because O'Callaghan himself is never indifferent. This is a new name I warrant we'll hear more of.

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Making managers — internationally



Student managers: Professor Kamran Kashani, director of the MBA programme, focuses on four educational principles

The office of Professor Peter Lorange, president of the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), looks over the alpine serenity of Lake Geneva. The institute is in Lausanne, on the Swiss side of the lake. But Professor Lorange is at pains to put this in context when he talks of the nature of the IMD.

"We are not a Swiss school," he says, "yet we like to think that we bring to the field of management education certain characteristics associated with the Swiss. These include a commitment to high quality, an international perspective and a tradition of objectivity and pragmatism in everything we do."

The IMD is recognised as one of the top two schools of its kind for management education in Europe, and its internationalism is well-known. Professor Lorange is himself Norwegian. Like its main competitor, Insead, at Fontainebleau in France, the IMD operates entirely outside the educational system of its host country, sees the global business community as its client, and attempts to ensure that no national culture dominates within its walls. It employs 43 full-time teaching staff of 18 different nationalities.

As a result, there is a collective approach to management education that is not shaped by any one attitude to business. "Neutrality about the different strands of business in a complex world is another of our 'Swiss' qualities," Professor Lorange says.

"We want people to understand that there are many differences in the interplay between customer and supplier, according to whether you do business in Nafta [North American Free Trade Agreement], European Union, Eastern European or Asean [Association of South-East Asian Nations] countries."

The IMD is the product of a merger four years ago of two industry-sponsored schools: the International Management Institute (IMI), founded by Alcan in Geneva in 1946, and the Institut pour les Méthodes de Direction d'Entreprises (Imede), founded by Nestlé in Lausanne in 1957. At the beginning, the merger proved more difficult than its planners expected, and more painful than anyone at the school is still prepared to admit.

It led to the forced departure of the new institute's first president, Professor Juan Rada, the former dean of the IMI, and the removal of an entire layer of middle management, involving 40 redundancies, after heavy losses had been reported for 1991.

In the long term, however, the merger paid off. Virtually nobody at the IMD disputes that there were sound strategic motives for it. Neither the IMI nor the Imede had the resources or size of faculty it needed to service the growing demand for post-experience management education.

Professor Lorange, who was appointed last year, has been free of the commercial and organisational constraints of his predecessors, and able to position the school where he feels it should be in order to meet the needs of its international clients.

The IMD's approach to business education is based on four principles.

● Integrated tuition: Professor Lorange wants to keep the teaching staff small, so that it works as a team and avoids the inter-departmental rivalry and blinkered academic thinking that has plagued so many of the IMD's competitors.

In his view, this will help to create an integrated approach to the school's general management programmes. Topics such as ethics, change management, environmental management and leadership are not treated as specialist subjects, but run like a thread through all the courses.

● A commitment to continuous training: the IMD's range of public programmes is designed to "accompany" managers throughout their careers.

The master of business administration programme is not treated as the final stage of post-graduate study, but as the foundation for a series of shorter executive programmes that provide participants with the opportunity to update their skills and broaden their outlooks up to and including the point at which they are promoted to the board.

● Partnership with industry: The IMD works closely with a worldwide network of 120 partner and business-associate companies.

These companies — which include big blue-chip corporations such as Nestlé, Ciba Geigy, General Electric, Shell, Hoffman La Roche and Fiat — join forces with IMD professors in research projects, and are encouraged to influence the focus, design and content of the institute's programmes. Tailored programmes for companies such as Digital, Hoechst, Honeywell and Exxon now account for nearly half of the IMD's revenue.

● Research-based solutions: as a former professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Wharton and other American research-based universities, Professor Lorange feels strongly that tuition on public and in-company programmes needs to be based on continuous research.

To this end, the IMD has just formed a partnership with two Swiss engineering schools, the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne and the Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule Zürich, which will provide new opportunities for doctoral research projects.

> "Quite often we are asked in to design some form of in-company education"

Keeping the teaching team small and the strategic focus tight has enabled the IMD to excel in those areas in which it has developed expertise. Since it has its roots in industry, it is well-placed to follow a strategy of forging close partnerships with international companies, and this helps to develop the school's faculty and approach to business education.

It also helps to meet competition, which increasingly comes from management consultants as well as the IMD's more conventional rivals.

As Professor Derek Abell, the former dean of the Imede, says: "Companies need new processes to cope with changes in a highly complex world, and what they look for is neither a consultant nor a traditional academic, but a mixture of the two.

"The IMD is developing this kind of hands-on approach. Quite often, we are asked in to design some form of in-company education, and very soon we find ourselves in the president's office talking about the fundamental issues affecting the business."

This focused approach comes at a price. It means the institute will find it hard to build a big enough teaching staff for areas where it lacks a presence.

The IMD has yet to build up a strategic presence among the thriving economies of South-East Asia, for example. Professor Lorange has also eschewed any attempt to build up expertise in the management needs of government and public administration.

But he is unrepentant. "For a small organisation, strategy means choice," he says. "Clarity of purpose is essential. To survive in a highly competitive world, business schools have to assess accurately where their strengths lie."

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Founded:
Set up in 1990, through the merger of two industry-sponsored schools, the International Management Institute (IMI) and the *Institut pour les Méthodes* de Direction d'Entreprises (Imede).

Location:
Lausanne, Switzerland, on the former campus of the Imede.

Faculty:
Forty-three staff, of 18 different nationalities.

Sponsors:
Mainly international or pan-European businesses, including ABB, Andersen Consulting, Dentsu (Japan), Hoechst, Siemens, Nestlé, AT&T, Shell and General Electric.

Areas of Expertise:
International business generally, family-owned companies, manufacturing (strategy and process), environmental management, corporate governance, owner-managers, business alliances.

Strength and weakness:
A closely integrated faculty small enough to work across traditional disciplinary boundaries, but lacking detailed expertise in certain subjects, notably East Asia and public administration.

Small is successful

Much of the appeal of the IMD's Master of Business Administration (MBA) programme lies in its relatively small size. Two years ago the decision was taken to keep the number of students at their present level of slightly more than 80. This compares with 180 in the MBA programme at the London Business School, and more than 400 at Insead, at Fontainebleau in France, the two schools most often spoken of in the same breath by prospective students and recruiters.

There are only three students to every one professor at the IMD, and the result is that there is plenty of time to follow up points made in class; and, with up to 30 nationalities represented among the participants, ample opportunity to take advantage of the cultural variety of the campus.

"It was the intimacy of the programme which finally prompted me to study at the IMD," Manel Adell, a 31-year-old Spanish participant, says. "I was told how difficult it was for students to gain their fair share of the tutor's attention at schools where the MBA intake is 200 or more."

At the same time, the IMD places emphasis on team working, and this makes for close interaction between students of different nationalities. Professor Kamran Kashani, director of the MBA programme, says: "MBA students have acquired the reputation of being good analytical robots and number-crunchers.

"Their ability to be innovative and creative inside companies depends largely on the collective excitement and commitment they inspire in and receive from their colleagues."

To this end, study at the IMD revolves around projects undertaken by small teams of five or six students. This is reinforced by collective consultancy assignments undertaken for companies associated with the institute. These are under the guidance of faculty members with experience as line managers or consultants.

> The MBA course promotes joint decisions in small classes



The IMD library in Lausanne, Switzerland

In the past two years, for example, teams of students have worked on new product lines for Nabisco, helped Club Mediterranée to re-examine its distribution strategy, and contributed to a marketing strategy for Swatch watches.

A new feature is Team-Initiated Enterprise (Tie), which allows students to set themselves a project of their own making. Last year, such teams chose tasks as diverse as providing basic business education for business people in Eastern Europe, organising a day-centre on the IMD campus for the children of students and staff and, in an enterprise which received wide publicity, undertaking a successful expedition to climb Mont Blanc.

This year, the project include a study of leadership outside business and a project to provide essential household goods to needy people in the local community.

IMD faculty members play no role in running such projects. Students are left to define their own criteria for success, raise the necessary finance, find the essential equipment and allot roles within the team. In some cases, the aims of the projects complement each other. The press coverage of the Mont Blanc expedition, for example, was orchestrated by another Tie team responsible for promoting the IMD's public image.

The integrated approach, by which different management issues are not treated in isolation, and which underpins all IMD executive programmes, is also a feature of the MBA curriculum. The programme is split into smaller modules so that participants can examine the same case-study from five or six perspectives.

However, the feature most remarked on by the students is the greater maturity and the broader business perspective of their fellow participants at the IMD.

"I'm in my early 30s, and did not fancy studying with 25-year-olds," Stephen Judd, a British student in this year's intake, says. "The career options of people on this programme are closer to my own."



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Professor Friedrich Neubauer questions the effectiveness of non-executive directors

Siren bells sound for the old cronies

In the past five years corporate governance, or the question of who has the last word in deciding company policy, has become an important management concern. Institutional investors, incensed by the scandals and corporate excesses of the 1980s, have begun to demand that boards increase their control over executive management.

In the United Kingdom, the institutions' concerns were made clear in a report published last year by a panel of experts led by Sir Adrian Cadbury. The report proposed that listed companies should have a majority of non-executive directors on the board, and a similar majority on key committees that determine boardroom pay and the selection of executive managers.

It also emphasised that non-executive directors should be more professionally selected, so that they are not simply cronies of the chairman or the managing director.

Many companies have complied with the recommendations of the Cadbury report. Pro NED, the agency principally responsible for promoting the effective use of independent directors in the UK, has noted a significant increase in the number of companies that are upgrading their selection procedures.

Investors are worried about who decides company policy

But there is still a question mark over how effective non-executive directors are in practice, says Professor Friedrich Neubauer, the IMD's expert on corporate governance and co-author of the recent book, *The Corporate Board: Confronting the Paradoxes*, who has studied the issue carefully.

There is little connection, Professor Neubauer argues, between the nominal and real power of non-executive directors. "Personality rather than numbers is the real key," he says. "A single NED with the status of a Sir John Harvey Jones can exercise influence well beyond his legal powers, whereas a majority of less well-informed directors stands powerless before a strong chief executive."

To determine how effective the board is in shaping corporate strategy, Professor Neubauer and a colleague, Ada Demb, have designed a set of diagnostic tools. These enable a company to measure such issues as whether non-executive directors are consulted on important strategic decisions, whether they can hire and fire the chief executive, and whether they can appoint their own successors.

An important factor, says Professor Neubauer, is whether independent directors are given a proper account of the company's operations. "If they are to play a meaningful role," he says, "they must be given access to the right information, and get to know management and key professional staff below the board."

Smith Kline Beecham, the multinational pharmaceuticals giant, is a good example of a company that is taking this advice seriously. Its non-executive directors are selected by a search consultant to a precise brief.

To provide these independent directors with in-depth knowledge of the company, Henry Vendt, the chairman, assigns two non-executive directors to each of Smith Kline Beecham's five core commercial activities: research and development, pharmaceuticals, animal health, consumer brands and clinical laboratories. They concentrate on the sector for at least three years, after which they move to another until they have achieved a detailed overview of the whole business.

Mr Vendt says: "We expect them to spend at least two days, and maybe more, outside board meetings getting to know their assigned sectors."

When families fall out

Reconciling family interests with business needs requires successful management. The IMD is there to help

Dr Joachim Schwass, a German, was forced to watch from the sidelines as an argument between his brother and father undermined the profitable parent company of a family-owned business.

Monica Wagen, a Swiss, owns shares in a cosmetics business founded by her grandfather in 1914, and is locked into a company she does not work for. This company is now run by professional managers, and Frau Wagen is not allowed to sell her shares outside the family. She feels the company should go public but the board, scared of a takeover by international competitors, will not allow it.

Both Dr Schwass and Frau Wagen are active contributors to a programme designed by the IMD for family members who run or are likely to run their family companies. Rather than concentrating on management issues *per se*, the programme is designed to reconcile conflicts between family interests and the needs of the business.

To see why this is important, it is worth looking at how family firms typically develop:

Stage 1: An entrepreneur founds the company. The immediate family is often involved since it is run from home and the spouse provides administrative support or professional advice.

Stage 2: The business grows. The family is often distanced from the company since it moves into commercial premises. Over a period of up to 60 years, the founder remains in control. During this time he or she brings in professional managers and possibly sells some shares in the business to outsiders. The children of the founder grow up. Some may become involved in the business, others may not. Typically, the founder makes no attempt to groom a successor because, as Dr Schwass comments, "it reminds them of their mortality. Who wants to think about their death?"

Stage 3: The crisis. Too late, the founder approaches a chosen successor. But by this time the sons or daughters of the entrepreneur may be unprepared or unwilling to take over. They may lack the training. They may have careers in unrelated fields. They may even be about to retire.

Stage 4: The management passes to outsiders, but the family retains control. As the third and fourth generations grow up, the shareholding is spread between anything up to 50 family members. Some may sit on the board and a few might work for the business in another capacity, but the majority are linked to the business only by their shares. They are forbidden to sell shares outside the family. This suits the incumbent management well, because it protects them from hostile takeovers. The market for the shares is poor and dividends remain low. Shareholders outside the family (and a few within) smoulder in discontent.

Faced with such a train of events, it is small wonder that, according to Professor Alden Lank, Professor of Family Enterprises at the IMD, only 15 per cent of family companies that manage to survive five years are successfully passed on to a third generation.

Succession is the principal challenge. Few entrepreneurs plan for what will happen when the company moves out of their management or control. Even if they manage to find a successor from within the family, the prospect of relatives gaining access to the board will often deter professional managers from joining because they see their prospects of advancement or a future stake in the firm blocked.



The IMD's programme, therefore, concentrates on helping family companies to develop criteria for senior management which are acceptable to everyone, and one recent participant, Damart SA, has been putting these lessons into practice. Originally a textile firm founded in northern France in 1853, the company now encompasses businesses in the United Kingdom, United States, Switzerland, Belgium, New Zealand and Japan.

Control of Damart is now passing to the sixth generation, involving over 50 family members. Members of the previous generation, who played a significant role in developing the business, are negotiating with new, outside managers about the role family members will play in the future.

Under guidelines now being considered by the board, any member of the Despature family interested in working for the company will have to submit a curriculum vitae, which will be kept on file until a suitable vacancy occurs. The family applicant will then be interviewed by the holding company's personnel officer.

"The local manager has the final say," says Joseph Despature, a director of the holding company. "The family does not want to interfere. If there is one thing we have learnt from the past, it is that anything imposed from the top by people not directly involved in running the firm does not succeed."

Leading The Family Business, as the programme is known, is one of several IMD initiatives aimed at family companies. They also include a Family Business Network, which has more than 400 members worldwide.

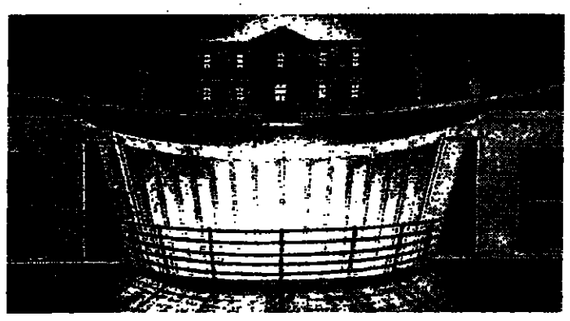
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Modern managers ignore the environment at their peril

The integrated approach adopted by the IMD in its philosophy towards business education shows up most clearly in its approach to environment management. It believes that the issue should not be seen as marginal but treated as something that today plays its part in almost all aspects of management.

When Professor Francisco Szekely launched Managing the Industrial and Business Environment (MIBE), IMD's latest research project, he therefore avoided creating a series of specialist courses. "We modified the curriculum of all IMD programmes so that the impact of environmental management is fed into every aspect of business. Ninety-five per cent of our courses now have an environmental component."

Professor Szekely also advises the United Nations on environmental issues. He believes that all companies will, sooner or later, have to comply with environmental standards imposed on them by pressure groups and legislation. The IMD offers seminars and workshops, therefore, to discuss new regulations and legislation, such as the European Community's new eco-management and audit scheme.

It also produces a bi-monthly newsletter that highlights the experiences of companies which have adopted or benefited from an imaginative response to the environment debate.

A recent example is Tupperware, the world's leading plastic-food-container manufacturer. Tupperware is a member of the MIBE project, and its philosophy about ecology, says Dr Hans Adelmann, the managing director of its German subsidiary, is "the best way to avoid pollution is not to create it in the first place".

To this end Tupperware Deutschland has embarked on an active campaign to encourage people to shop with plastic containers and thus avoid the need for any additional plastic or aluminium wrappers. The result, highlighted in a recent survey in Berlin, has been a 30 per cent reduction in waste.

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Professor Francisco Szekely: avoided specialist courses

Integration helps to boost products

Management's new buzz word is business re-engineering

Business re-engineering is a new management term that is all the rage these days. In the course of a one-hour interview, Professor Robert Collins, associate director of Manufacturing 2000, the IMD's premier research project, never once mentioned the term, but this is what M2000 is helping many of its members to undertake.

The term was coined in 1993 in a book, *Re-Engineering the Corporation*, by Michael Hammer and James Campy.

It is usually interpreted to mean that companies, in order to remain competitive, should abandon the old practice of dividing themselves into bureaucratic empires focused on discrete tasks, such as sales, marketing and accounts.

Instead, they should organise around continuous business processes designed to get the company's products to the customer. This normally involves bypassing middle managers and devolving responsibility to multi-disciplinary teams of shop-floor workers.

For international business, there is an added requirement. When they have a market that spans borders, companies should also abandon a country-by-country approach to manufacturing and distributing their products.

They should restructure their operations to support the development of products that have an international appeal.

In Professor Collins's view, European countries are lagging behind their North American and Japanese competitors in developing this approach. "Some of the procedures that underpin international competitiveness are simply not in place," he says. "Many companies are burdened by overcapacity and by logistical difficulties that stem from the historical location of factories never intended to service an international market."

Many businesses are now tackling this difficulty. Nestlé, one of the companies closely associated with the M2000 project, has divided its chocolate confectionery into two groups, horizontal bars and tablets that can be broken into squares. It has split its factories into those that produce bars and those that produce tablets. The products, such as the recently launched Yes' bar, are increasingly developed, marketed and distributed to a pan-European consumer.

The project was launched in 1990 to help manufacturing companies to develop new processes and approaches to cope with the demands of an international marketplace. One of the objectives is for members to share good practice and fund joint research.

Oticon, for example, one of the world's largest manufacturers of hearing aids, has, with the help of M2000, reorganised the way its professional staff work.

Lars Kolind, the managing director, says: "We redefined jobs by moving from hierarchical 'boxes' where each person had to work to a specific job description to a situation where jobs are designed around the individual. Each person now has at least three jobs: the one they are trained for and two they are not. In the circumstances, chip designers might also do marketing."

So why are M2000 staff reluctant to use the expression business re-engineering? It is perhaps because many European companies use the term as a euphemism for restructuring in general and sacking workers in particular, and nearly all the IMD staff are united in their revulsion for unnecessary "downsizing".

Professor Tom Vollman, the newly appointed overall director of M2000, says: "Downsizing may help temporarily, but it does not solve most basic business problems. If you do downsizing only, you wind up dead."

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Professor Tom Vollman, left, and Professor Robert Collins head the M2000 project

The new breed look at a world trade puzzle

Education is vital to understanding the competitiveness of any one country, the institute believes

THE GROUND rules that underpin world trade are shifting, creating a puzzle for companies that have to conform to them. This, according to Professor Stéphane Garelli of the IMD, is the main conclusion to be drawn from the 1994 edition of *World Competitiveness Report*, a comparison of the economies of 54 countries produced annually by the IMD and the World Economic Forum.

The changes have been brought about by new social and economic forces, which are listed in the report. They include:

- A revolution in technology, which is endangering the job security of white-collar workers as much as their blue-collar counterparts.
- A revolution in world markets, transferring wealth and production capacity from the US and Europe to East Asia, a region with a collective annual growth of almost 5 per cent.
- A revolution in management processes, in which quality, speed and customer satisfaction have become the cornerstones of international trade.

American and European companies have been caught off guard by competition in East Asia, the report concludes, because they dismissed growth in developing countries as stemming solely from cheap labour.

"Most countries in the region have invested massively in their education systems, especially at secondary-school level," says Professor Garelli. "Europe and the United States are just realising that they have problems with the performance, or perhaps the competitiveness, of their secondary-school system."

Values also have a key role to play. The report suggests that as companies accumulate wealth and their workers wish to spend it, the drive for greater competitiveness is gradually reduced.

"Different countries reach this point at different times," Professor Garelli points out. "Japan has more or less reached the same point as most countries in the West. It looks nervously behind its back at Malaysia, which in turn looks nervously behind its back at China."

The IMD, therefore, emphasises the importance of secondary education in determining the relative competitiveness of any one country. Workers need a good grounding in the sciences and mathematics if they are to understand the implications of the technological revolution sweeping through most economies.

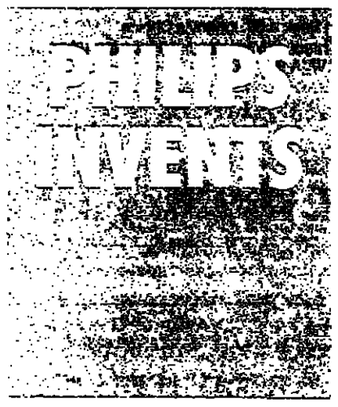
The pay-off will be a new breed of managers who feel comfortable with technology, and able to use it.

In order to achieve this, the IMD entered into a new partnership this year with two Swiss engineering schools, the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale Lausanne and the Eidgenossische Technische Hochschule Zürich, which is designed to introduce students of science and engineering to the realities of management.

Professor Derek Abell, the member of the IMD faculty responsible for the partnership, says: "Our target audience is former technical or science students in their thirties and mid forties. They represent an untapped source of talent who can add real value to commercial decision-making by making full use of their technical knowledge."

In its approach to the forces affecting world competition, however, the IMD seems more comfortable analysing economic trends in North America, Western Europe and East Asia than it does in setting out a new agenda for Central and Eastern Europe, where regional trends are less clear-cut. Because of the uncertainty of the political and economic situation in the region, the institute seems to be adopting a wait-and-see approach.

A few things are clear, however. Professor Yuri Boshyk considers that Russia is turning its back on the free-market philosophy advocated in Gatt and the International Monetary Fund. "For the past two years, the country has been moving towards a form of capitalism which puts national interests first," he says. "Under this philosophy, you *don't* let the market decide."



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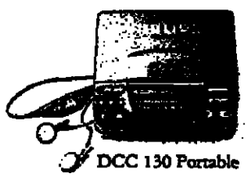
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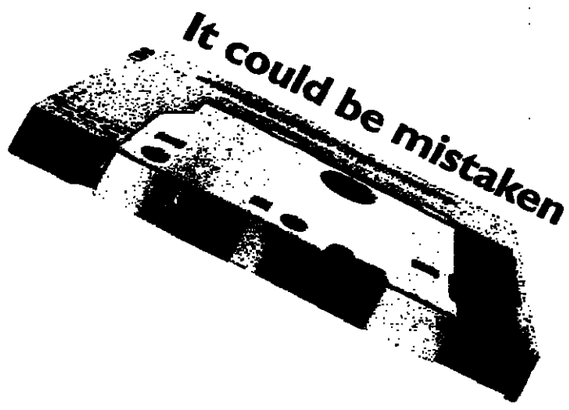
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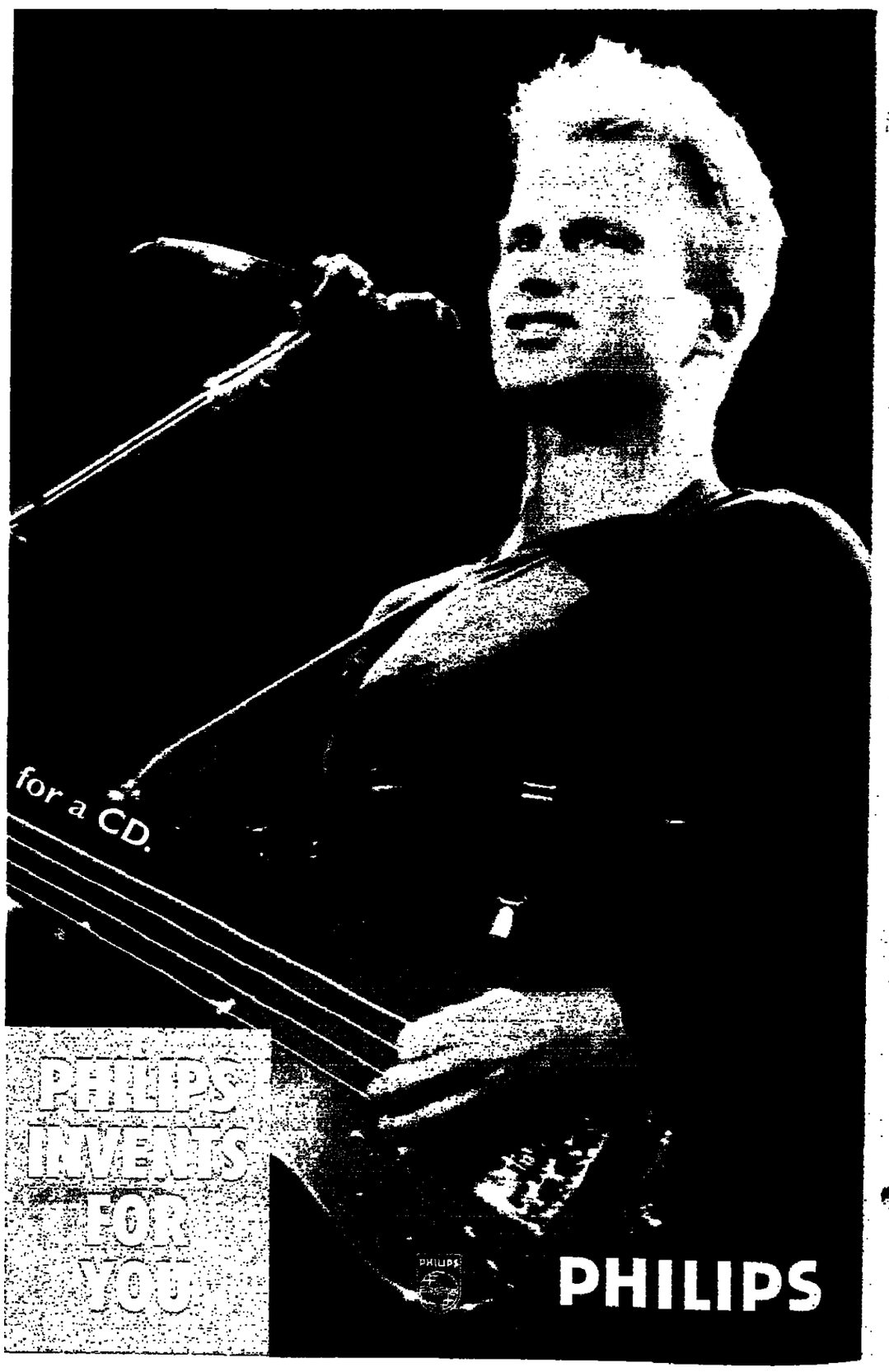


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Barton Bank will miss Gold Cup because of setback

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

BARTON Bank will miss the Cheltenham Gold Cup a week today after breaking a blood vessel during a routine workout on David Nicholson's gallops yesterday. The King George VI Chase winner had been second favourite for the feature race of the Cheltenham festival and his enforced withdrawal means Jodami will be sent off at around even money to follow up last year's success.

Apart from being a major blow to the horse's connections, the removal of Barton Bank robs Cheltenham of a potential star and, with the exception of Jodami, leaves a distinctly below-average Gold Cup field. Nicholson said after the King George victory that the somewhat fragile constitution of his talented second-season chaser meant he could not stand too much training or racing. For that reason he deliberately ruled out running the horse between Boxing day and next week. To have come so close to completing his big-race preparation at home, only to succumb in the final days, is wretched luck.

"Barton Bank has broken a blood vessel very badly this morning during routine work and will not run in the Gold Cup," Nicholson, the season's leading trainer, said. "He was in tip-top form. Charter Party's victory [in the 1988 Gold Cup] came as a surprise but this horse was in great form and had a great chance. He had everything going for him.

"I have no idea whether he will run again this season. He broke a blood vessel last year in the Sun Alliance. Horses do this; I just wish I knew why it happens."

Barton Bank, who had generally been priced at 5-1, is owned by Jenny Mould, who was a part-owner of Charter Party. The withdrawal prompted a hasty shake up of the betting market. Ladbrokes offered a best-priced 11-10 against Jodami, while Corals went evens *and William Hill* made him 11-10 on.

The last odds-on favourite to win the Gold Cup was Arkle in 1965 and 1966, when the greatest steeplechaser of all was sent off at 100-30 on and 10-1 on respectively. Desert Orchid, the winner of the race in 1989, was third behind Norton's Coin when an 11-10 on chance a year later, while Pendil was 6-4 on when beaten by The Dikler in 1973.

The Fellow, twice runner-up in the Gold Cup, is now clear second favourite despite failing to show his best from this season. Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes predicted last night that the Gold Cup's traditional position as the biggest betting race of the festival will now be in jeopardy. "Barton Bank's withdrawal is very disappointing," he said. "The race has been struggling for a while now because of Jodami having not seemed himself earlier in the season and Barton Bank having not run since Boxing day.

"Punters have tended to ignore the race and concentrate on other festival races. Historically, the Gold Cup is the biggest betting race of the *meeting* and turnover far exceeds that on any other race. That could be in jeopardy because of the uncompetitive nature of the field. Jodami does not have to be as good as last year to win."

To add to punters' confusion, John Mulhern, the trainer of Flashing Steel, warned that some of his string had been coughing and he raised doubts about the leading Irish challenger making the journey to Cheltenham.

☐ Norman Williamson's appeal against a four-day suspension for careless riding at Doncaster last saturday will be heard by the Jockey Club this morning.

Nap: WHITE DIAMOND
(2.10 Carlisle)
Next best: Seven Towers
(3.10 Carlisle)

Highbrook injured

HIGHBROOK, one of the market leaders for the Sunderlands Imperial Cup, a handicap hurdle at Sandown on Saturday, will miss the race after pulling a muscle during a gallop. The mare, trained at Newmarket by Mark Tompkins, had been quoted at 8-1 by William Hill.

Stable spokesman Phil Green said: "It is not a serious injury, but enough to prevent her running this weekend. We are confident she will be fit for a hurdle at Aintree on Grand National day."

Highbrook, a useful performer on the Flat, had confirmed her good impression over hurdles by winning comfortably at Nottingham last month.

In her absence, Ladbrokes have trimmed Olympian, attempting to win the race for a second successive year, to 3-1, followed by Edimbourg at 7-1 with Lemon's Mill and Arcot at 8-1.



Knifeboard, left, jumps alongside Ngeru and Kings Thyne on his winning to winning The Times Rising Stars qualifier at Bangor

Farrant delivers telling late challenge

By Brian Beel

THE perseverence of Ashley Farrant paid a handsome dividend when Knifeboard won The Times Rising Stars qualifier at Bangor yesterday. The eight-year-old forfeited ground early in the race through inexperience. Having never tackled a water jump before, he put both hind legs in the obstacle, the second fence, and from then on trailed the field.

Joe Cumings made the running on Flame O'Frensi with John Edwards second on Ngeru. By the fourth fence the two had pulled 15 lengths clear of Jolly Roger, and the order remained unchanged until Ngeru and Timur's Luck fell independently at the tenth.

Michael Jones, left in second on Jolly Roger, gradually closed the gap on Flame O'Frensi as Knifeboard made progress into third but without looking a threat. Three fences out, Flame O'Frensi, still in command, fell, leaving Jolly Roger with a lead of about 12 lengths.

By the second last Jolly Roger's lead had been reduced to eight lengths and to little more than two by the final fence. The gap continued to close and, as Jolly Roger weakened, Farrant took the initiative on Knifeboard to triumph by 1½ lengths. Charles Barlow was a distant third on Kings Thyne, who in turn was well clear of the only other finisher, Worlston Farrier.

Knifeboard, who won two good point-to-points two years ago, pulled up on his only start last season. "There was nothing really wrong with him," said his owner, Graham Williamson.

"We just couldn't get him right so we thought as he's young enough we'll give him a year off. Knifeboard will be suited by Newbury, so if all goes well we'll be there on March 25 for the final of the series."

Paul Hosgood, who rode about 50 point-to-point winners in the West Country, trains the Silverton-qualified Knifeboard at Exeter. "He's been doing all his work on the flat," he said. "If a horse is a natural jumper I don't do much schooling over fences. When I've not been able to get on the gallops, I've been giving him dressage exercises in an arena."

THE TIMES RISING STARS

Bangor result

2.40 THE TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE (Qualifier: amateurs: £2,222: 3m 110yd)
1, KNIFEBOARD (Mr A Farrant, 11-4), 2, Jolly Roger (Mr M J Jones, 9-4 fav); 3, Kings Thyne (Mr C J Barlow, 14-1). 7 ran. ALSO RAN: 3 Flame O'Frensi (f), 13-2 Timurs Luck (f), 11 Ngeru (f), 33 Worleston Farrier (4th). 1¼l, dist, dist. Paul O Hosgood at Exeter. Tote: £3.10; £2.50, £2.40. DF: £5.00. CSF: £8.97.

THUNDERER
2.00 Southampton
2.30 Fantasy World
3.00 Aal El Aal
3.30 PANTO PRINCE (nap)
4.00 Mr Murdock
4.30 Chemin Le Roi

Brian Beel: 4.00 Mr Murdock.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

2.00 SPARKFORD NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE
(Div I: £1,883: 2m) (8 runners)

101 18801R MR GENEAOLOGY 9 (B,BF,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs P White) J White 11-12 ... A Maguire 93
102 F HARQUIN 128F (A Wyness) C Barwell 11-10 ... N Mann —
103 110 SOUTHAMPTON 88 (D,F,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 11-0 ... S Fox (5) 99
104 0P206 POCONO KNIGHT 29 (Mrs R Jones) C Jones 10-12 ... G Upton 85
105 842222 NANQUIDNO 31 (BF) (Mrs P Browne) M Pipe 10-9 ... T Dascombe (7) 78
106 0P FATHER'S JOY 52 (L Gilbert) B Stevens 10-5 ... M Stevens —
107 P WALID'S PRINCESS 21 (B) (Blue Bell Lads) R Frost 10-5 ... J Frost —
108 4 RED MICKS WIFE 177 (Mrs B Nicholls) P Nicholls 10-3 ... D Hobbs (7) —

BETTING: 11-10 Mr Geneaology, 5-2 Southampton, 5-1 Nanquidno, 12-1 Pocono Knight, Red Micks Wife, 25-1 Father's Joy, Harquin, Walid's Princess.

1993: WHEELER'S WONDER 9-10 Mr J Llewellyn (7-2) B Llewellyn 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR GENEAOLOGY beat NANQUIDNO (3lb worse off) 6l in a 9-runner claiming hurdle over course and distance (good to soft) on penultimate start. SOUTHAMPTON beat Forgetful 12l in a 13-runner conditional jockeys novice selling hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft) on penultimate start. POCONO KNIGHT best effort when 6l 2nd of 12 to Al Forum in a novice selling hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good). NANQUIDNO ½l 2nd of 10 to Witchway North in a novice selling hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). RED MICKS WIFE 32¼l 4th of 6 to Bizana in a maiden hurdle at Roscommon (2m, firm).
Selection: MR GENEAOLOGY

2.30 FORKE FARM MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE
(£2,976: 2m 5f) (12 runners)

201 406102 PRUDENT PEGGY 56 (D,S) (Mrs J McCormack) R Frost 7-11-8 ... J Frost 95
202 08064P BRORA ROSE 13 (S) (D Hooper) P Radford 6-11-2 ... Miss S Cobden (7) 88
203 06P/PUP- CHASING GOLD 313P (Lady Dunn) A Dunn 8-11-2 ... Peter Hobbs —
204 0F-0P4P COOMBESBURY LANE 29 (B,F,G) (M McGilligan) P Jones 8-11-2 ... W McFarland 89
205 F00FP0 FANTASY WORLD 10 (G,S) (Mrs F C Walsh) J Gifford 8-11-2 ... D Murphy 99
206 B-U8 FRENCH PLEASURE 5 (F) (W Dore) D Gandolfo 8-11-2 ... P Holley —
207 3641-P6 HOW DOUDO 9 (S) (P Lee) J McConnochie 7-11-2 ... R Bellamy 77
208 0134-2 LADY GHISLAINE 7 (S) (Mrs P White) J White 7-11-2 ... A Maguire 93
209 U80PF- LITTLE CLARE 371 (Mrs J Cooper) C Barwell 7-11-2 ... N Mann —
210 PP/00F PHYL'S LEGACY 44 (Miss A Broyd) Miss A Broyd 9-11-2 ... G McCourt 73
211 0P PINE VALE 19 (Mrs D Hues) G Balding 6-11-2 ... S Fox (5) —
212 08434P STAPLEFORD LADY 78 (Greatbanks Manning Racing) R Manning 6-11-2 ... B Powell 75

BETTING: 11-8 Lady Ghislaine, 3-1 Prudent Peggy, 4-1 Fantasy World, 14-1 Coombesbury Lane, How Doudo, 16-1 French Pleasure, Stapleford Lady, 25-1 Chasing Gold, Pine Vale, 33-1 Little Clare, Phyl's Legacy.

1993: SARAVILLE 6-11-2 P Scudamore (7-4 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

PRUDENT PEGGY 5l 2nd of 14 to Nicktop in a novice handicap chase here (2m, good to soft) with FANTASY WORLD (20lb better off) 44l 7th. COOMBESBURY LANE 15½l 4th of 9 to Master Jolson in a novice handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good to firm) on penultimate start. FRENCH PLEASURE 8l and a distance 3rd of 9 to Uncletheviking in a novice chase at Stratford (3m 4f, good to soft). HOW DOUDO 27¼l 5th of 9 to Malaegris in a novice chase at Nottingham (2m 5f 110yd, soft). LADY GHISLAINE 1l 2nd of 7 to Castle Diamond in a novice chase at Warwick (2m, good to soft). STAPLEFORD LADY best recent effort when 25l 3rd of 7 to Mr Woodcock in a novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 4f, good).
Selection: LADY GHISLAINE

3.00 TOMMY WALLIS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,513: 2m) (5 runners)

301 11-2104 ARABIAN BOLD 73 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh Dabtawi) N Henderson 6-12-0 ... J Kavanagh 96
302 34-4F22 SUN SURFER 34 (CD,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-12-0 ... B Powell 90
303 136P/P SOUTHOVER LAD 108 (D,F,G) (S Williams) D Burns 11-10-5 ... J Frost —
304 12-4312 AAL EL AAL 21 (CD,BF,G,S) (Mrs C Hale) P Hobbs 7-10-0 ... Peter Hobbs 99
305 898532 ALOSAILI 8 (D,F,G) (Red House Racing) B Stevens 7-10-0 ... M Stevens 98

Long handicap: Alosaili 9-3.

BETTING: 11-8 Aal El Aal, 9-4 Arabian Bold, 11-4 Sun Surfer, 14-1 Alosaili, 33-1 Southover Lad.

1993: STAR OF THE GLEN 7-11-10 B de Haan (5-1) Mrs J Pitman 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARABIAN BOLD 19l 4th of 9 to Child Of The Mist in a handicap hurdle at Kempton (2m, good). SUN SURFER jumped poorly when a distance 2nd of 6 to Lord Relic in a novice chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy). Best effort last season when beating Dreamers Delight neck in the 7-runner grade I Baring Tolworth Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, heavy). AAL EL AAL led before the last but was headed after close home when 1l 2nd of 12 to Handy Lass in a handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft). Previously beat Jump Start 8l in an 8-runner conditional jockeys handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). ALOSAILI 7l 2nd of 8 to Kovalevskia in a handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, soft). Previously neck and 2l 3rd of 14 to Miss Equila in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft).
Selection: AAL EL AAL (nap)

3.30 WINCANTON LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£5,280: 2m 5f) (6 runners)

401 352554- ESHA NESS 327 (C,G,S) (P Bancroft) Mrs J Pitman 11-12-0 ... J White 91
402 114-111 PANTO PRINCE 126 (CD,F,G,S) (G Warren Ltd) C Popham 13-11-13 ... B Powell 93
403 4/2-622F ROUGH QUEST 12 (S) (A Wates) T Etherington 8-11-11 ... G McCourt 99
404 2P1244 SMARTIE EXPRESS 5 (CD,F,G,S) (S Norman) R Hodges 12-11-5 ... A Maguire 95
405 P2312P GHOFAR 12 (B,C,F,G,S) (Sir Hugh Dundas) D Elsworth 11-10-10 ... P Holley 98
406 U43/4- SKETCHER 483 (G,S) (S Hussey) D Burns 11-10-0 ... D Gallagher —

Long handicap: Sketcher 9-0.

BETTING: 15-8 Rough Quest, 3-1 Panto Prince, 4-1 Smartie Express, 11-2 Ghofar, 8-1 Esha Ness, 16-1 Sketcher.

1993: SMARTIE EXPRESS 11-10-8 R Dunwoody (11-4 fav) R Hodges 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

ESHA NESS 20¾l 4th of 21 to Run For Free in the grade III Scottish Grand National at Ayr (4m 1f, good) April 1993. PANTO PRINCE beat Boreal Bud 2l in a 5-runner limited handicap chase here (3m 1f 110yd, firm). ROUGH QUEST ½l 2nd of 8 to Dubacilla in a handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. Subsequently fell last when close fourth in Racing Post handicap chase at Kempton (3m, soft). SMARTIE EXPRESS 20l 4th of 5 to Minnehoma in a handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good). GHOFAR best recent effort when beating Little General 5l in an 8-runner handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft). SKETCHER 21½l 4th of 16 to Askinfarney in a novice chase at Towcester (3m 1f, soft) November 1992.
Selection: PANTO PRINCE

4.00 DICK WOODHOUSE HUNTERS CHASE
(Amateurs: £1,883: 3m 1f 110yd) (7 runners)

501 220112 MR MURDOCK 13 (C,F,G,S) (B Neilley) R Alner 9-12-7 ... R Alner (3) 99
502 114211- SONOFAGIPSY 283 (D,F,S) (Mrs B Whettam) J Dufosee 10-12-7 ... R Nuttall (7) 68
503 13/3/22- ABBOTSHAM 349 (F,G,S) (O Carter) O Carter 9-12-0 ... D Pipe (7) 89
504 116/01 CONNATE 26P (B,G,S) (P Longhurst) R Barber 9-12-0 ... Miss P Curling (5) 77
505 F6R00/6- GLEN OAK 355P (G,S) (R Mansell) P Bowen 9-12-0 ... D Duggan (7) —
506 1434-55 KINGS GUNNER 9 (F) (P Liston) W Gooden 7-12-0 ... Miss S Vickery (7) 69
507 11510-3 SYNDERBOROUGH LAD 40P (F) (S Pike) S Pike 8-12-0 ... M Felton (7) 57

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 11-10 Mr Murdock, 9-2 Synderborough Lad, 11-2 Connate, 6-1 Sonofagipsy, 13-2 Abbotsham, 16-1 Kings Gunner, 33-1 Glen Oak.

1993: ASSAGLAWI 11-12-2 Miss A Dare (8-11 fav) Miss H Knight 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MR MURDOCK 5l 2nd of 5 to Teaplanter in a hunter chase at Kempton (3m, soft). Earlier beat Tubbs 4l in a 12-runner Open at Badbury Rings (good) with SYNDERBOROUGH LAD (7lb better off) 9l 3rd. SONOFAGIPSEY beat Rusty Bridge 1l in a 10-runner hunter chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good). ABBOTSHAM 3½l 2nd of 2 to Solidasarock in a handicap chase at Newbury (3m, firm) March 1993. CONNATE beat Strobe Light 2l in a 15-runner Open at Milborne St Andrew (good to soft). KINGS GUNNER 11½l 5th of 8 to Sunny Mount in a hunter chase at Nottingham (3m 110yd, soft).
Selection: MR MURDOCK

4.30 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE
(Qualifier: £2,198: 2m) (16 runners)

601 00- AUGER BORE 362 (W McKibbin) B Forsey 6-11-0 ... S Burrough —
602 5 BEAUREPAIRE 13 (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 6-11-0 ... D Murphy 92
603 0-F CELESTIAL STREAM 30 (L Williams) L Williams 7-11-0 ... R Farrant (3) —
604 362P/60 CHEMIN LE ROI 44 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-0 ... I Lawrence 99
605 0 EXE CRACKER 43 (Exe Valley Racing) M Saunders 5-11-0 ... N Mann —
606 40P FERNY BALL 98 (Clampy Group) A Dunn 6-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs —
607 00 FOUR HEARTS 56 (Mrs M Basting) T Forster 5-11-0 ... B Powell 95
608 FOX ON THE RUN (R Ogden) A Turnell 7-11-0 ... S McNeill —
609 0-U1501 GLENGARRA PRINCESS 21 (G) (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 7-11-0 ... J McCarthy (3) 98
610 00 KING LUCIFER 12 (Mrs A Davies) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ... A Maguire —
611 F0 POLDEN PRIDE 70 (D Lockyer) G Balding 6-11-0 ... R Davis (3) —
612 301 SEBASTOPOL 35 (G) (D Page) P Nicholls 5-11-0 ... G Bradley —
613 00 HURRICANE SUE 43 (A Morton) A Jarvis 5-10-9 ... R Greene —
614 00P MAGGIE TEE 36 (R Scoggin) N Mitchell 6-10-9 ... G Upton 89
615 0/ PAUL'S PRINCESS 743 (Shaikh Ali Gaash) A Forte 7-10-9 ... D Matthews (5) —
616 00 TITAN EMPRESS 36 (Rookies Partnership) S Mellor 5-10-9 ... M Perrett 88

BETTING: 5-2 Chemin Le Roi, 4-1 Glengarra Princess, 5-1 Sebastopol, 13-2 King Lucifer, 10-1 Beaurepaire, Fox On The Run, 12-1 Four Hearts, 16-1 others.

1993: AMTRAK EXPRESS 5-11-10 R Dunwoody (4-5 fav) N Henderson 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUREPAIRE 21l 5th of 9 to Cloghans Bay in a novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, soft). CHEMIN LE ROI 32l 6th of 14 to Bay Mischief in a novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. FERNY BALL best recent effort when 16½l 4th of 17 to Henrys No Pushover in a National Hunt Flat race at Exeter (2m 1f 110yd, soft). GLENGARRA PRINCESS beat Lizzies Lass 20l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Lingfield (AW, 2m 4f). KING LUCIFER 38l 7th of 17 to Lien de Famille in a National Hunt Flat race at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start. SEBASTAPOL beat Ivy Edith 15l in a 12-runner National Hunt Flat race at Lingfield (AW, 2m).
Selection: GLENGARRA PRINCESS

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	23	66	34.8	Mr R Alner	4	13	30.8
M Pipe	37	127	29.1	G Bradley	8	49	16.3
A Turnell	10	49	20.4	D Gallagher	3	19	15.8
D Nicholson	13	64	20.3	R Bellamy	3	23	13.0
D Elsworth	14	80	17.5	P Holley	10	81	12.3
R Alner	4	23	17.4	B Powell	16	131	12.2

Bangor

Going: soft

2.10 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Le Ginno (G Bradley, 3-1); 2, Even Blue (20-1); 3, Test Match (8-1). Stoproveritate 5-4 fav. 10 ran. 6l, 1l. C Brooks. Tote: £3.30; £1.20, £4.60, £1.30. DF: £33.00. CSF: £52.27.

2.40 THE TIMES RISING STARS HUNTER CHASE
See above

3.10 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Andermatt (W Marston, 5-2); 2, Precipice Run (Evens fav); 3, Squires Privilege (5-1). 6 ran. 7l, 10l. J Mackie. Tote: £3.60; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £2.70. CSF: £5.18.

3.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, All Greek To Me (F Leahy, 11-8 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Always Ready (8-1); 3, Mountshannon (20-1). 15 ran. 2l, 3l. J Parkes. Tote: £2.40; £1.40, £2.40, £11.10. DF: £7.10. Trio: £121. CSF: £15.04.

4.10 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Bishops Island (A Maguire, 20-21 fav); 2, Sikera Spy (3-1); 3, Mweenish (9-1). 6 ran. 5l, 10l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.60; £1.30, £2.10. DF: £2.30. CSF: £3.92.

4.40 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Patroclus (T Eley, 13-8 fav); 2, Marine Society (7-1); 3, Blue Lyzander (16-1). 8 ran. 10l, 4l. J Mackie. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £1.60, £2.10. DF: £18.90. CSF: £12.46. Tricast: £118.70.

Placepot: £13.40.

Catterick Bridge

Going: good to soft

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Little Bromley (Mr R *Hale, 16-1*); 2, *Rebel King (25-1)*; 3, Vanart (10-1). Combellino 7-2 fav. 19 ran. 2½l, sh hd. A Eubank. Tote: £40.60; £8.80, £8.90, £2.50. DF: £622.50. CSF: £353.21.

2.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Goggins Hill (Mr J Greenall, 8-13 fav); 2, Convincing (50-1); 3, Reviller's Glory (7-2). 9 ran. NR: Hawaiian Goddess, Tricksome. 7l, 12l. P Cheesbrough. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £6.70, £1.40. DF: £30.80. CSF: £28.95.

3.00 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Loch Scavaig (D J Moffatt, 8-11 fav); 2, Strong Flame (5-1); 3, Scottish Peril (25-1). 13 ran. 3l, 10l. D Moffatt. Tote: £1.90; £1.60, £1.70, £8.20. DF: £2.90. Trio: £23.80. CSF: £5.39.

3.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Young Miner (G Upton, 7-2); 2, Choice Challenge (7-1); 3, Choctaw (3-1 fav). 8 ran. 1l, 20l. Mrs T McInnes Skinner. Tote: £3.90; £1.60, £1.40, £1.80. DF: £27.10. CSF: £24.98. Tricast: £72.13.

4.00 (2m hdle) 1, Ho-Joe (N Smith, 8-1); 2, Goldmire (10-1); 3, Thatched (50-1). On Golden Pond 11-4 fav. 14 ran. 8l, 1½l. J Carr. Tote: £4.70; £2.80, £2.10, £7.50. DF: £43.40. CSF: £80.81.

4.30 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, Devongale (L Wyer, 7-2 fav); 2, Dark Oak (9-2); 3, Four Deep (8-1). 9 ran. 30l, 5l. M H Easterby. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £2.00, £1.90. DF: £4.70. Trio: £14.90. CSF: £18.44. Tricast: £105.79.

5.00 (2m flat) 1, Valley Garden (M A Roberts, 9-2); 2, Crane Hill (11-2); 3, Benbeath (7-1). Percy Pit 9-4 fav. 18 ran. 1¾l, 5l. C Thornton. Tote: £6.80; £2.70, £2.80, £8.00. DF: £17.70. Trio: £28.30. CSF: £34.28.

Placepot: £103.90.

Folkestone

Going: chase - good, hurdles - good to soft.

1.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Erckule (C Llewellyn, 8-13 fav; Thunderer's nap); 2, Res Ipsa Loquitur (50-1); 3, Denver Bay (9-2). 13 ran. 4l, 6l. N Gaselee. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £18.80, £1.40. DF: £44.70. Trio: £238.20. CSF: £40.56.

2.20 (3m 2f ch) 1, Betty Hayes (P Carey, 15-8); 2, Rostbury (Evens fav); 3, Nos Na Gaoithe (7-2). *4 ran. 10l, 25l. R Alner. Tote:* £3.20. DF: £2.10. CSF: £4.02.

2.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Baylord Prince (D Fortt, 9-2); 2, Sovereign Niche (4-5 fav); 3, Star Mover (8-1). 8 ran. 2l, 12l. R Hoad. Tote: £8.40; £1.40, £1.40, £1.30. DF: £4.20. CSF: £8.47. Tricast: £25.65.

3.20 (3m 2f ch) 1, Celtic Barle (S McNeill, 10-1); 2, Suffolk Road (2-1); 3, Young Brave (10-1). Spikey 10-11 fav. 8 ran. 8l, 7l. H Hodge. Tote: £11.60; £1.70, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £11.70. CSF: £28.23.

3.50 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Hostile Witness (M Richards, 8-11 fav); 2, Esprit de Femme (7-1); 3, La Villa Rose (4-1). 7 ran. NR: Kingsfold Pet. 12l, 25l. P Hedger. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.50. DF: £4.50. CSF: £7.59.

4.20 (2m ch) 1, Around The Horn (S McNeill, 6-5 fav); 2, Private Audition (16-1); 3, Ambassador (5-2). 5 ran. 1½l, 30l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £4.10. DF: £9.60. CSF: £15.06.

4.50 (2m 1f 110yd flat) 1, Crown Prosecutor (M Richards, 6-4 fav); 2, Envocamandis (20-1); 3, Idiot's Lady (7-1). *15 ran. 3½l, 3½l. W Muir. Tote: £3.40; £1.60,* £3.10, £2.60. DF: £42.50. Trio: £110.70. CSF: £32.82.

Jackpot: £3,948.60.
Placepot: £41.90.

Carlisle

THUNDERER
2.10 White Diamond. 2.40 Kambalda Rambler. 3.10 Seven Towers. 3.40 Clyde Ranger. 4.10 Palacegate King. 4.40 Tartan Tyrant. 5.10 Moreof A Gunner.

GOING: HEAVY — SIS

2.10 MACKINNON OF SCOTLAND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,093: 3m 110yd) (9 runners)

1 5406 BELLS HILL LAD 26 (S) J Barclay 7-11-13 ... A Dobbin 99
2 3550 BARNEY RUBBLE 30 (G,S) D Whillans 9-11-4 ... M Moloney 92
3 -50P MOSSIMAN 57 J Barclay 5-11-4 ... S Turner 73
4 0440 NAWRIK 40 L Lungo 5-11-4 ... T Reed 94
5 250 THE WEATHERMAN 119 G Moore 5-11-4 ... N Bentley (3) —
6 0-03 WHITE DIAMOND 30 (F) Mrs A Swinbank 6-11-4 ... J Railton 96
7 P-F5 CROSS REFERENCE 8 W Reed 6-10-13 ... B Storey 68
8 P/P- NICKY'S BELLE 385 Lady Bowlby 9-10-13 ... G Harker —
9 06FP ROYAL FIFE 35 Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-13 ... P Williams (5) 78

9-4 Bells Hill Lad, 3-1 Barney Rubble, 7-2 White Diamond, 4-1 Nawrik, 10-1 Mossiman, The Weatherman, 14-1 Cross Reference, 25-1 others.

2.40 JEDBURGH KILTMAKERS CLAIMING CHASE (£2,544: 2m) (7)

1 4-64 PURA MONEY 84 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 12-12-0 ... N Doughty 93
2 160P EBRO 12 (G,S) V Thompson 8-11-10 ... A Dobbin 88
3 -P40 YAHEEB 28 (C,G,S) M W Easterby 10-11-10 ... R Garritty 96
4 F34P SUPER SANDY 47 F Walton 7-11-9 ... Mr J Walton —
5 -P66 KAMBALDA RAMBLER 6 (C,D,S) C Parker 10-11-8 ... B Storey 95
6 -2P6 JAMES MY BOY 5 (G,S) W Clay 14-11-0 ... P Niven 99
7 4430 REEF LARK 69 (F,S) D McCune 9-11-0 ... K Johnson 84

3-1 Kambalda Rambler, 7-2 James My Boy, 4-1 Yaheeb, 6-1 Ebro, 7-1 others.

3.10 McEWANS LAGER TOP OF THE NORTH NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,233: 2m 4f 110yd) (7)

1 5121 NORTHERN SQUIRE 30 (CD,S) J Jefferson 6-11-10 ... P Williams (5) 91
2 -121 SEVEN TOWERS 40 (S) Mrs M Reveley 5-11-10 ... P Niven 99
3 25-4 FULL OF FIRE 91 G Richards 7-11-2 ... N Doughty 89
4 -000 MIDDLEHAM CASTLE 12 V Thompson 5-11-2 ... A Dobbin 56
5 040 PRECIOUS HENRY 34 Mrs A Swinbank 5-11-2 ... J Railton 70
6 P PRINCE ROSSINI 40 L Lungo 6-11-2 ... T Reed —
7 0-0P WEST AUCKLAND 40 N Chamberlain 5-11-2 ... A Merrigan —

5-4 Seven Towers, 7-4 Northern Squire, 6-1 Full of Fire, 10-1 Middleham Castle, 12-1 Precious Henry, 25-1 Prince Rossini, West Auckland.

3.40 EDINBURGH WOOLLEN MILL NOVICES CHASE (£5,703: 2m 4f 110yd) (8)

1 -111 BEACHY HEAD 43 (D,G,S) J O'Neill 5-11-7 ... M Dwyer 99
2 2101 CLYDE RANGER 8 (S) M Hammond 7-11-7 ... L Wyer 91
3 1252 SEON 2 (F,G,S) W Bentley 8-11-7 ... P Niven 88
4 -3F1 TARTAN TRADEWINDS 153 (CD,G) G Richards 7-11-7 ... N Doughty 80
5 211F VAYRUA 26 (D,B,S) J Hellens 9-11-7 ... M Hourigan 82
6 0-FP SOUTH STACK 37 (S) Mrs S Smith 8-11-3 ... Gary Lyons —
7 2F63 HEDLEY MILL 80 (S) J Hope 6-10-12 ... A Thornton 78
8 6626 HERE COMES TIBBY 6 (S) W Reed 7-10-12 ... T Reed 50

13-8 Beachy Head, 9-4 Clyde Ranger, 5-1 Vayrua, 6-1 Seon, 8-1 Tartan Tradewinds, 14-1 Hedley Mill, 20-1 others.

4.10 CLAN ROYAL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,511: 2m 1f) (6)

1 2112 ARAGON AYR 6 (S) P Monteith 6-11-10 ... D J Moffatt 99
2 2436 PALACEGATE KING 40 (S) A Whillans 5-11-3 ... B Harding (3) 98
3 6112 VERY EVIDENT 19 (D,S) G Moore 5-10-8 ... N Bentley 93
4 2531 BAND SARGEANT 21 (S) G Richards 5-10-4 ... N Leach 93
5 PU31 DUTCH BLUES 30 (S) (CD) Mrs S Austin 7-10-0 ... DOUBTFUL 90
6 P-P6 KING OF NORMANDY 147 (S) S Chadwick 5-10-0 ... J Supple 85

7-4 Aragon Ayr, 9-4 Very Evident, 7-2 Band Sargeant, 9-2 Palacegate King, 20-1 King of Normandy.

4.40 PITLOCHRY KNITWEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,590: 3m 2f) (4)

1 -P11 TARTAN TYRANT 40 (CD,G,S) G Richards 8-12-0 ... N Doughty 98
2 4-3R REBAL ESTATE 26 (CD,G,S) P Beaumont 10-11-1 ... R Garritty 99
3 4651 CAROUSEL ROCKET 30 (CD,F,G,S) M Hammond 11-10-0 ... D Bentley (3) 98
4 32F5 FORTH AND TAY 26 (C,G,S) Mrs S Bradburne 12-10-0 ... P Williams (5) 96

8-11 Tartan Tyrant, 7-4 Carousel Rocket, 6-1 Regal Estate, 10-1 Forth And Tay.

5.10 HEATHER MILLS NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (£1,607: 2m 1f) (11)

1 0 BILLY BUOYANT 82 F Walton 5-11-8 ... Mr J Walton —
2 BROADWATER BOY M Hammond 5-11-8 ... Mr C Bonner (7) —
3 KINGS LANE G Dun 5-11-8 ... Mr J Dun —
4 MONY-SKIP M Hammond 5-11-8 ... D Bentley (3) —
5 PRIESTS MEADOW T Cuthbert 5-11-8 ... Carol Cuthbert (7) —
6 RADICAL CHOICE J Charlton 5-11-8 ... D J Moffatt (3) —
7 ROLY PRIOR Miss L Plater 5-11-8 ... S Lyons (5) —
8 0- SUPERVISION 517 Mrs M Kendall 5-11-8 ... Mrs M Kendall —
9 SWISS ACCOUNT E Weymes 5-11-3 ... Mr J Weymes (7) —
10 4 ADIB 29 G Moore 4-11-0 ... N Bentley (3) —
11 5 MOREOF A GUNNER 33 J Jefferson 4-11-0 ... P Williams (5) —

5-2 Adib, 3-1 Broadwater Boy, 7-2 Moreof A Gunner, 11-2 Mony-Skip, 16-1 Radical Choice, Swiss Account, 33-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: W Bentley, 4 winners from 13 runners, 30.8%; Mrs M Reveley, 15 from 53, 28.3%; J Jefferson, 9 from 35, 25.7%; S Chadwick, 4 from 18, 22.2%; G Moore, 13 from 68, 19.1%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 26 winners from 97 rides, 26.8%; N Doughty, 26 from 102, 25.5%; N Bentley, 3 from 13, 23.1%; M Dwyer, 17 from 84, 20.2%; S Lyons, 5 from 25, 20%; D Bentley, 7 from 37, 18.9%.

Towcester

THUNDERER
2.20 Stubs Guest. 2.50 Soothfast. 3.20 Loving Around. 3.50 Viva Bella. 4.20 Celtic Town. 4.50 Johnny's Choice.
Brian Beel: 4.50 Johnny's Choice.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.50 VIVA BELLA.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES) — SIS

2.20 GINGER QUILL NOVICES CHASE (£2,401: 2m 110yd) (5 runners)

1 64F1 COUNTRY MISTRESS 13 (CD,S) J Old 7-11-4 ... T Grantham
2 BP-P BE PATIENT MY SON 178 Miss C Caroe 13-11-2 ... S Earle
3 U45P EMERALD GEM 20 (V,S) O Brennan 8-11-2 ... M Brennan
4 0/P STUBS GUEST 7 C Egerton 8-11-2 ... A Procter (3)
5 /02 CRUISING ON 13 P Dalton 7-10-11 ... W Marston

5-4 Country Mistress, 7-4 Cruising On, 4-1 Emerald Gem, 12-1 Stubs Guest, 25-1 Be Patient My Son.

2.50 SWAN NATIONAL LEASING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,861: 2m) (9)

1 3452 BUONARROTI 29 (C,BF,G,S) J Old 7-12-0 ... Pat Thompson (7)
2 0-10 SOOTHFAST 40 (CD,S) J Old 5-11-1 ... T Grantham
3 -PP1 JALINGO 13 (CD,G,S) P Mahla 7-10-9 ... R Guest
4 -P10 NELTEGRITY 73 (CD,S) T Caldwell 5-10-8 ... Peter Caldwell
5 2341 ZEALOUS KITTEN 20 (CD,G,S) R Price 6-10-3 ... J Osborne
6 -004 BRIGGS LAD 134 (B,D,F) P Dalton 5-10-0 ... M A Fitzgerald
7 -504 RED RING 13 (CD,S) J Webber 7-10-0 ... W Marston
8 21-0 MARSH'S LAW 27 (CD,G,S) O Brennan 7-10-0 ... M Brennan
9 44F2 TAYLORS PRINCE 29 (V,CD,F,G) H Collingridge 7-10-0 V Smith

100-30 Zealous Kitten, 4-1 Jalingo, 9-2 Buonarroti, 6-1 Soothfast, 7-1 Neltegrity, 8-1 Red Ring, 10-1 Marsh's Law, 12-1 others.

3.20 HOECHST PANACUR EBF MARES NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (£2,250: 2m 5f) (10)

1 3124 GLENFINN PRINCESS 13 (S) (13) K Bridgwater 6-11-3 ... D Bridgwater
2 3244 ARTIC WINGS 43 O Brennan 6-10-10 ... M Brennan
3 08 CACAHWETE 8 Mrs S Bramall 5-10-10 ... Mr D Parker (7)
4 00 COSMICECHOEXPRESS 10 Miss C Caroe 7-10-10 ... S Earle
5 1-P0 FINALLY FANTAZIA 10 (S) Mrs I McKie 5-10-10 ... R J Beggan
6 0-33 FLAMEWOOD 20 Mrs D Haine 5-10-10 ... W Marston
7 4-40 GREEN WALK 19 R Rowe 7-10-10 ... C Burnett-Wells
8 -636 LEINTHALL PRINCESS 19 J Needham 8-10-10 ... N Williamson
9 0-2 LOVING AROUND 71 N Henderson 6-10-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
10 6-34 RACE TO THE RHYTHM 9 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-10 C Llewellyn

2-1 Loving Around, 7-2 Race To The Rhythm, 5-1 Glenfinn Princess, 5-1 Artic Wings, 11-2 Flamewood, 12-1 Leinthall Princess, 16-1 Green Walk, 20-1 others.

3.50 SWAN NATIONAL LEASING HANDICAP CHASE (£3,574: 3m 1f) (8)

1 1114 THREEOUTOFFOUR 29 (C,BF,G,S) O Brennan 9-12-0 M Brennan
2 P333 SMOOTH ESCORT 13 (G,S) Mrs D Haine 10-10-6 D Bridgwater
3 2211 VIVA BELLA 13 (B,CD,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-6 ... J Burke (5)
4 2P42 POSTMAN'S PATH 13 (C,G,S) T Forster 8-10-5 ... C Llewellyn
5 P5U4 SUNBEAM TALBOT 13 (C,D,G,S) A Jones 13-10-0 N Williamson
6 P602 SHEEPHAVEN 9 (G) T Etherington 10-10-0 ... M Richards
7 P-PF INCONCLUSIVE 9 (G,S) Mrs S Bramall 7-10-0 ... Mr D Parker (7)
8 35/P CLONROCHE GAZETTE 52 (G,S) Miss D Baker 14-10-0 ... Miss S Wallin

2-1 Threeoutoffour, 11-4 Viva Bella, 9-2 Smooth Escort, 5-1 Postman's Path, 6-1 Sheephaven, 10-1 Sunbeam Talbot, 33-1 Inconclusive, 50-1 Clonroche Gazette.

4.20 ALFORDSHIRE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,066: 3m) (6)

1 1613 TEXAN BABY 29 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-12-0 ... C Llewellyn
2 1020 BORT 9 (D,G,S) B Meehan 8-11-10 ... M A Fitzgerald
3 00-1 CELTIC TOWN 21 (S) O Sherwood 6-11-0 ... J Osborne
4 5-50 BLACK H'PENNY 30 J Old 6-10-3 ... T Grantham
5 520P MAKES ME GOOSEY 98 Mrs I McKie 6-10-0 ... L Harvey
6 06P0 PETRADARE 19 (B) J Pickering 7-10-0 ... T Eley (3)

Evens Celtic Town, 7-4 Texan Baby, 6-1 Bort, 10-1 Makes Me Goosey, 12-1 Black H'Penny, 14-1 Petradare.

4.50 JOHN WRATHALL MEMORIAL HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,604: 3m 1f) (7)

1 -253 ARCTIC TEAL 7 (F,G,S) Mrs P Robeson 10-12-6 ... J Durkan (3)
2 5-12 PARSONS PLEASURE 7 (S) Mrs Amanda Bowlby 11-12-6 ... C Mudock (7)
3 -111 SONNY MOUNT 9 (D,F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 8-12-6 J Greenall
4 02-F CLONEY GRANGE 47P (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs P Adams 15-11-12 ... Mrs P Adams (7)
5 21-F JOHNNY'S CHOICE 8 (G,S) W Warner 8-11-12 ... A Hill (3)
6 -223 MISTER CHRISTIAN 12P (B,D,G,S) C James 13-11-12 ... E James (7)
7 5324 SHIPMATE 7 (S) G Tany 12-11-12 ... Miss H Irving (7)

☐ Form figures include point-to-points

7-4 Sonny Mount, 2-1 Johnny's Choice, 6-1 Arctic Teal, 7-1 Parsons Pleasure, 8-1 Mister Christian, 10-1 Cloney Grange, 15-1 Shipmate.

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JOCKEYS: Mr J Greenall, 3 winners from 6 rides, 50.0%; M Brennan, 18 from 51, 35.3%; T Grantham, 6 from 32, 18.8%; M Richards, 5 from 35, 14.3%; D Bridgwater, 7 from 51, 13.7%; J Osborne, 7 from 53, 13.2%.

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Australian board acts against Hughes and Warne



John Woodcock commends the additional fines imposed upon players who tarnish the game

Not satisfied with the £200 fine which Donald Carr, the official International Cricket Council referee, levelled upon Merv Hughes and Shane Warne for their unacceptable behaviour in the first Test match between South Africa and Australia which finished in Johannesburg on Tuesday, the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) has imposed its own very much stiffer penalties. Each player has been fined a further £2,000 — the equivalent of their match fees. Bravo. the ACB.

Only recently, Alan Crompton, its chairman, spoke out strongly against the pattern of behaviour, based on the standards set by idols such as Hughes and Dennis Lillee, which has become prevalent in Australian cricket.

Not that such boorishness is confined to Australia. In England, the county game is much better than it was; but in far too many clubs and villages and, I am afraid schools, cricket is no longer "first of all sports and first alike in fame".

But what else is to be expected when Warne, universally acknowledged as the most exciting, creative and wonderful bowler to have emerged for at least a generation, is seen in a Test match on television, chasing hysterically after a batsman he has just dismissed in order to revile him? It is, apparently, a habit which Warne has been allowed to develop, quite unchecked by Allan Border and Bobby Simpson, captain and coach respectively of the Australia side.

Hughes, of course, has been rampaging for years. In Australia's last 15 Test matches, he has been fined three times. If a professional golfer behaved as crassly, he would be banished to the practice ground: when Alex Higgins, the snooker player, made a mockery of tradition, he was not heard of again for an expensively long time. Tennis, on the other hand, allowed John McEnroe to get away with anarchy and suffered for it.

The action of the ACB, which overrides the management here in South Africa, is long overdue. I doubt whether Hughes makes a penny less than £150,000 a year, directly or indirectly, out of cricket. Until now, he has been able to laugh at the fines imposed on him, that is if he has had to pay them himself.

When the South African, Peter Kirsten, was twice fined for dissent in Australia recently, the amount in question was very soon raised when donations were asked for over one of South Africa's radio networks. He could even have made a killing out of it.

Since their introduction in 1992, the ICC's referees have been, if I may say so, a little unworldly, a little too reverential. Long enough has passed since most of them played the game for them not to know, perhaps, just what does go on out in the middle. The umpires, for their part, are sufficiently unsure of themselves to cock a deaf ear or turn a blind eye.

Since cricket became a rougher game, England have been fortunate in their captains. They may not always have sparkled as tacticians, but harassment has never been tolerated.

Going round the world, I would say that the Test sides of West Indies, New Zealand and South Africa also behave with reasonable restraint. Pakistan are a law unto themselves: India and Sri Lanka can be madly excitable: Zimbabwe are still having their eyes opened.

The only international cricketer to have been suspended (from a one-day international in New Zealand) is Aqib Javed, which has helped to persuade Pakistan that there is one set of rules for them and another for other countries.

In the Test match which Australia have just lost, the grumpier they got and the shorter they bowled and the more they fulminated, the less chance they had of winning. So they went down, and to the bitter end Hughes was his irascible self.

As he left the field after Australia had lost their last wicket on Tuesday afternoon, he clobbered a spectator with his bat, perhaps for being on the receiving end of epithets whose copyright he thought he owned.

Out of his flannels, he is a splendid fellow, generous, wholehearted and loyal: just as Warne, from all accounts, is a very pleasant young man. Their reaction to what amounts to an ultimatum will be awaited with interest.



Warne's bad behaviour has been punished

England hope to take turn for the better

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

GUYANA is never the most enticing prospect of a modern Caribbean tour. In Georgetown, the old grace and elegance of a wooden city has long since given way to poverty and decay, amenity levels are low and, when cricket comes to this shoulder of South America, rain customarily comes, too.

But for all that, England must look forward keenly to the next fortnight, for conditions will befriend them here as nowhere else.

If proof were needed that the pitch at the Bourda ground bears no relation to those on the islands, it comes in the make-up of the West Indies Board President's XI, against whom England begin a four-day game today.

Four spin bowlers are included, which may be some sort of record for a West Indian representative team in the past 20 years.

The ball turns by tradition at Bourda. Guyana, the regional champions of West Indian cricket last year, regularly win matches with spin and most of their home games proceed on the assumption that the seam bowlers are present only to get the shine off the ball before handing it over.

Although it is patently in the interests of West Indies that it should not turn too soon or too much when the second Test starts a week today, England must plan for the possibility that it will. Hence, both Ian Salisbury and Philip Tufnell will play today and it is by no means certain that they are in competition for one Test place rather than rehearsing a more ambitious strategy.

Given that England already trail in the series and that they have managed to score a total of more than 400 in only one of their last 26 Test innings, it might seem suicidal to weaken their batting in order to accommodate a fifth bowler. But they are doing so today, when it is planned that Jack Russell will bat at No 6, and it remains conceivable that they will do the same next week.

Alternatively, they could adopt the Australian method and play both their slow bowlers alongside a minimum two seam bowlers. Most likely, however, boldness will desert them when it matters and they will end up compromising with Graeme Hick's off breaks and choosing between Salisbury and Tufnell.

This would be a waste, for the specialist spinners are contrasting bowlers with individual assets that could win the Test for England. They are more plausible match-winners than Chris Lewis, who is apparently being primed for the Devon Malcolm role as a strike bowler.

In opposition today is an intriguing selection of new generation West Indian players. The fast bowlers are Cameron Cuffy, a Curtly Ambrose clone from St Vincent, and Franklyn Rose, from Jamaica, both thought to have imminent Test prospects.

Nehemiah Perry, another Jamaican, will bowl off breaks and there will be leg spin from Shivnarine Chanderpaul, 19, the exciting Guyana all-rounder, and Rajindra Dhanraj, from Trinidad.

After taking 30 wickets in the Red Stripe Cup this season, Dhanraj, 25, would be the player selected if West Indies were to include a specialist slow bowler.

It is more likely they will select Roger Harper as an off-spinning all-rounder next week, when they should also be strengthened by the return of Carl Hooper.

After missing the first Test, and the one-day series with a back complaint, Hooper captains the President's XI today. He will bat high up, because he might yet open in the Test, and bowl his off breaks if he can get the ball away from his three younger spinners.

The England party arrived late yesterday, cheered by the news that there has been no rain here for weeks. They should beware. A long-range weather forecast for March predicted that Georgetown would have five days of rain in the month. Long-suffering local cricket followers are already resigned to which five.

Inzamam sets up Pakistan victory

PAKISTAN secured victory in the five-match one-day series against New Zealand with an 11-run win in the third game in Wellington yesterday. In a match reduced by early morning rain to 48 overs a side, Pakistan reached a solid 213 for six thanks mainly to a 142-run second-wicket partnership between Aamir Sohail and Inzamam-ul-Haq.

New Zealand, who finished on 202 for eight, were undone by some brilliant ground fielding, which produced three run-outs. Bryan Young, the opener, and Andrew Jones, the No 3, had put them in a good position at 76 for one but Young was run out by a fine piece of fielding from Inzamam. Jones was also the victim of a run out, Basit Ali hitting the stumps from mid-off.

Ken Rutherford and Shane Thomson kept New Zealand's hopes alive with a brisk fourth-wicket stand of 62 in 77 balls but the loss of four wickets in successive overs effectively ended the contest. New Zealand were left needing 21 off the last over and Waqar Younis bowled Gavin Larsen with the first ball.

The Pakistan innings was based around the stand between Aamir and Inzamam, the man of the match. It was a Pakistan record for the second wicket against New Zealand, exceeding the 139 put on by Ramiz Raja and Salim Malik in Sialkot four years ago. Inzamam made 84 and Aamir 76.

They began sedately but stepped up the pace, taking 60 from eight overs in the middle of the innings.

☐ The Sri Lankan Cricket Board has appointed a five-man committee to investigate the national team's dismal performances in India last month. Sri Lanka lost all three Test matches by an innings with a day to spare.

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Taking up sticks to play a passing game



Concentration from the girls of Guildford High School and St Margaret's, Bushey, at the national schoolgirls lacrosse championships in Milton Keynes yesterday. Both teams lost in the semi-finals, with Downe House, Newbury winning the tournament. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Richardson searching for higher profile

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE Park Associates brochure lists Lineker, Atherton and Carling, and 15 other well-known sportsmen and women, among the people it represents. The odd one out is Mark Richardson.

"I sometimes look through the client brochure and think: 'What am I doing there?'," Richardson said. "But they have taken me on because of my potential and hopefully this year I will start to fulfil it."

In Paris tomorrow, Richardson goes into the first round of the 400 metres on the opening day of the European indoor championships with his sights fixed on gold in the final on Sunday. The absence, for various reasons, of David Grindley, Roger Black and Derek Redmond has left him with the task of upholding Britain's tradition of success at 400 metres, though his teammate, Du'aine Ladejo, might beat him to it.

"This is my first challenge at a senior individual title and it is immensely important to me," Richardson said. At 21, he has relay medals from the outdoor world championships and Olympic Games, but nothing of an individual nature since he finished second to Grindley at the 1991 European junior championships.

That is not to overlook his second place at the 1992 World Cup in Havana but to acknowledge, as Richardson does, that it was not a championship and came at the end of a season when athletes were tired.

He missed most of 1993 because of injury but is now top of the 1994 European indoor rankings with 46.11sec, a time that only two athletes, the Americans, Michael Johnson and Antonio Pettigrew, have beaten.

The British record, held by Todd Bennett, at 45.56sec, is nine years old. "I feel I am in shape to break 46sec in a major way but I am not focusing on the record," Richardson said. "I just want to win."

Home is Maidenhead but it might have been Anguilla, a Caribbean island of only 36 square miles. His father left there, as Richardson put it, to "seek his fortune". His mother runs a nursing home, his father works for Mars and, between them, they made enough to help put their son through private school.

But only by proving himself in the classroom did Richardson, now a student at Loughborough University, earn the chance to do so on the track. His father insisted that he met certain academic standards before allowing him to join a club. At 13, he gained a scholarship into Claires Court senior school and permission was granted to attend training with Windsor, Slough and Eton AC.

The European indoor championships two years ago provided Grindley with a platform from which to launch a successful senior career. He won the bronze medal and, five months later, set a British record to reach the Olympic final in Barcelona. Richardson failed to qualify for Barcelona, running the first 200 metres of the trial too cautiously.

"I thought at the time of the European junior championships that my career would take off quicker than it has," Richardson said. "David has realised his potential and I am anxious to get up there with him."

Winning in Paris would be the encouragement he needs to believe that, come the summer, he has as much chance as Grindley, Black or Redmond of taking the European outdoor title.

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	115	200	good	spring	slush	fine	2	20/2
(Conditions still good despite temperature)								
AUSTRIA								
Mayrhofen	60	85	fair	heavy	closed	fine	16	4/3
(Good summer skiing on upper slopes of Hintertux)								
Obergurgl	90	150	good	heavy	slush	fine	8	6/3
(Excellent piste skiing on upper runs)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	140	300	good	varied	fair	fine	5	3/3
(North-facing slopes coping well with mild temperatures)								
Chamonix	35	350	good	spring	slush	fine	10	3/3
(Excellent midday skiing on Lavancher bowl)								
Flaine	85	300	good	varied	slush	fine	6	6/3
(Excellent skiing despite warm temperatures)								
Tignes	145	285	good	varied	fair	fine	6	3/3
(Fine spring skiing despite warm temperatures)								
Val d'Isère	125	340	good	varied	slush	fine	3	6/3
(Upper runs excellent in early morning)								
ITALY								
Cortina	5	100	good	open	varied	sun	6	6/2
(Good skiing on upper slopes early morning)								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	100	110	good	fair	spring	sun	7	6/3
(Pistes in good condition throughout resort)								
Klosters	10	190	good	heavy	good	fine	10	4/3
(All higher runs in good condition)								
St Moritz	100	250	good	varied	worn	fine	5	2/3
(Good conditions on well-groomed pistes)								
Verbier	20	350	good	heavy	slush	fine	14	6/3
(Various runs closed due to avalanche risk)								
Villars	15	160	fair	heavy	slush	sun	18	6/3
(Overnight frost aiding conditions)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

British harbour hopes of medal haul

Alix Ramsay reports how the Paralympic Games could produce a 'Torvill and Dean effect' on disabled sport

Lillehammer will again come to life tonight in pursuit of Olympic ideals. Memories of Torvill and Dean may be fading but their place is about to taken by 500 athletes from 30 countries as the sixth Paralympic Winter Games open.

Britain's Olympic squad had its most successful Games since 1948, winning two bronze medals, but the paralympic team are aiming to do much better. Their goal is to beat the one silver and four bronzes won in Tignes, France, two years ago.

Although the Winter Olympics have always been the poor relation of the Games later in the year, things are gradually beginning to change and, if the British team live up to expectations, the Torvill and Dean effect could come into play.

"Following the Olympics, you can go to any ice rink and see the place full of children wanting to be Torvill and Dean," Adrian Whiteson, the president of the British Paralympic Association (BPA), said. "In the paralympics, we are gradually making people aware that we have a team of potential medal-winners. If they are successful here, it will encourage sponsorship, gain media attention and create role models that other disabled children will want to emulate." That, Whiteson hopes, will in turn help convince the International Paralympic Committee that the Games in winter and summer deserve equal standing.

Britain's 23-strong squad in Lillehammer is beginning to benefit from a more professional approach. The Nordic team has, for the first time, the financial backing of the BPA, relieving some of the burden on Mike Brace, the team manager and competitor in the biathlon for the blind. He used to fund the team by raising £30,000 a year from after-dinner speaking engagements. More money now means more training trips and a better chance to win medals.

With Pete Young training with the British Olympic Nordic squad, Matt Stockford working with the national Alpine team and Richard Burt — with his guide, Keith Hockley — training in France with sighted skiers, the squad can make a serious claim to be athletes who have a disability rather than disabled people who also happen to ski.

However, they all know that in the two years since Tignes, the sport has progressed dramatically. The selection standards are higher and the forecast is for the toughest competition yet. In France, Britain's medals were won by Stockford, with three bronzes, and Burt, with a silver and a bronze. They will again lead the medal chase in Lillehammer.

Stockford was disappointed with his performance at the last Games and felt gold was within his reach in his favoured discipline, the downhill. This year, his new ski-bob is performing well in training and, provided he has the measure of the Americans, he is confident of improving on his results.

His main rival in the LW10 will be Chris Waddell, from the United States. Like Stockford, Waddell's skiing career was well established until he broke his back in a skiing accident. Three years on, Waddell is back on the snow and this season has been flying past the LW11s and LW12s, the less severely disabled sit-skiers, in training.

In the Alpine events for the blind, Burt will be Britain's only competitor, but he is one of the strongest hopes for a medal. At paralympic level, the blind are not allowed to compete in the downhill. But that does not stop him racing flat out for speed against able-bodied skiers in other competitions. With his guide skiing ten yards in front of him, Burt will renew his rivalry with the American, Brian Santos, the man who beat him into silver medal position in the giant slalom last time.

Burt underwent a knee operation before Christmas but, now that he is fully recovered, a winter of training in France could pay dividends and see him mature at the age of 21 into an experienced race tactician.

The strongest competition at the paralympics will be in the LW2 class for leg amputees, where Britain's veteran, Mike Hammond, and Jon Morris, will have to fend off the challenge of Greg Mannino, from the United States, and Alexander Spitz, from Germany. Although Hammond is now 46, his times in training have taken everyone by surprise this winter.

With the BPA focusing all its attention and money on elite sport, Whiteson believes the prospects are good for the British. "All our athletes are positive, they are going there to win medals," he said. "Of course we need more sponsorship to pay for the best facilities. We're not quite there yet, but it is better and the days of dry-slope training are past."

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

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DIADORA LEAGUE: Carlsberg Trophy: Newbury Town v Hornet Hampstead.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: Semi-final, second leg: Ashton United v Guiseley.

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NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Charlton; Ipswich v Southampton.

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Intrum's passage aided by friendly current

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL AT CAPE HORN

AFTER clipping three days off the Whitbread Round the World Race record to Cape Horn, Lawrie Smith and his *Intrum Justitia* crew looked set to smash the record for the fourth leg of this 32,000-mile marathon from Auckland to Punta del Este, Uruguay.

The leading yachts have all been slowed by a local low pressure system over the Argentine coast but, though *Intrum's* speed was down to 9.7 knots yesterday, Smith's Whitbread 60 crew continued to enjoy a 56-mile lead over Grant Dalton's leading Maxi, *New Zealand Endeavour*, and a 91-mile lead over the chasing 60-footers, led by Chris Dickson's *Tokio*.

Smith reported: "We have made really good progress during the past 24 hours. The Falklands current is running northwards and up to 1.7 knots but just to the east, the Brazilian current is running against us. This is a tricky patch of water but so far we have managed to stay in the stronger stream." Marcel van Trieste, *Intrum's* navigator, plans to stay with the low pressure system in the hope of more favourable winds today.

Some 360 miles astern, Matt Humphries, skipper of the British entry, *Dolphin & Youth Challenge*, reported that a torn mainsail had added to their problems. *The sail, which* looked as if it were held together with a patchwork of tape when they went round Cape Horn on Monday, finally blew out altogether yesterday and the crew have been forced to replace it with a genoa. As a result, their speed has dropped to less than six knots, giving Dawn Riley's all women *Heineken* crew a chance to catch up.

Yesterday afternoon, Riley and her crew closed to within 20 miles of *Dolphin* despite having lost more than half their rudder. "It makes steering very hard work," Riley admitted. "We are not going to push the boat hard downwind by putting a spinnaker up. Conditions have been pretty treacherous with 60-knot gusts but at the moment the rudder is under control."

POSITIONS (at 13.59GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta Del Este, Uruguay): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 650; 2, Tokio (C Dickson NZ) 741; 3, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 744; 4, Galicia 93 Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 750; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 846; 6, Brookfield (G Maalo, It) 881; 7, Dolphin & Youth (M Humphries, UK) 1,015; 8, Heineken (D Riley, US) 1,025; 9, Hetman Sahaidachny (E Platon, Ukr) 1,109; 10, Odessa (A Verba, Ukr) 1,515. Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 705; 2, Merit Cup (P Fehlmann, Switz) 762; 3, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 832; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 1,433

'University' rugby enjoying vibrant renaissance



DAVID HANDS
Rugby Commentary

Earlier this season, one of the Rugby Union monthly magazines expressed itself forcibly on the supposed decline of Oxbridge rugby. In generalising about university rugby as a whole, it drew the ire of those who, for years, have been fostering the game throughout Britain's universities, many of whom now provide the graduate material which each December appears at Twickenham.

Indeed, university rugby is more vibrant than for many a season after the "democratisation" of the higher education establishments, which has introduced places such as West London Institute and Cardiff Institute, and the former polytechnics, to the Universities Athletic Union (UAU) competition, sponsored by Commercial Union. But it has been achieved at some cost to those who have traditionally dominated the UAU tournament.

Where, when the semi-finals were played yesterday, were Loughborough, Bristol and Exeter, whose names have echoed down the years of student competition?

Of the eight competing teams in the quarter-finals, two were institutes of higher education, two recent promotions from the polytechnics, of whom Sheffield Hallam — formerly Sheffield City Poly — dismissed the 1993 UAU champions, Loughborough, in the previous round.

It is a process which can do nothing but good for student sport, breaking down preconceptions and, you hope, elevating standards. The reverse of the coin is the extra responsibility which comes from appearances on the broader, more public stage. Five years ago, the polytechnics' final was a shambles of foul play which prompted a Rugby Football Union enquiry.

Sheffield Hallam, founded only in 1969, is typical of the new breed. "We started with a zero tradition." Graham Solley, their head of recreational services, said, "and we have established our own."

Though dismissed by the one remaining traditional university, Durham, in the quarter-finals, their success this season is no surprise to those who have seen them dominate the old polytechnics' cup in the last four years.

But, like so many other student bodies, they have had to balance their own competitive requirements with those of the clubs whose fight for young talent has become so intense since league rugby became accepted.

Solley knows a good sporting reputation will attract good students and reflect well on the university. Personal contact with the directors of rugby at clubs like Otley and Nottingham has effected a compromise so the better players can appear in the UAU on Wednesdays (Sheffield Hallam's main sport playing day, given their limited grounds) and play league rugby at weekends.

Co-operation with the Sheffield club, whose facilities the students use, has made preparation more meaningful, but Solley emphasizes that, though he can cater for elite performers, his interest is in games playing across the board.

John Hunter, the head of physical education and sport at West London Institute (once Borough Road College) agrees about the cross-fertilization of league and university rugby.

"I fought for years to get one unified structure in student sport," he said, "and what has happened this year has not surprised anyone. It has done student rugby a power of good by preventing clubs creaming off the best players."

West London includes such luminaries as Daren O'Leary, the England Students wing who plays for Harlequins, Richard Hill, the England Students and Saracens flanker, and Sean Burns, the London Irish centre, playing in a team committed to 15-man rugby.

With the demise of the pilot scheme for student leagues the UAU offers the best competition and the institutes have made their mark.

West London went beyond their achievement of reaching the semi-finals last season when yesterday they beat another institute, Roehampton, 24-19 at the Stoop Memorial Ground to reach the final at Twickenham on March 23.

There they will play Northumbria University, formerly Newcastle Polytechnic, who disposed 34-9 of Durham, their neighbours from 16 miles away.

Chalmers in fine form as Barbarians cut loose

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BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister is insistent that the recession is over but, as far as the Mobbs memorial match at Northampton is concerned, it never began. Over the last nine years, the Barbarians have averaged 45 points in the annual fixture, so the performance yesterday exceeded even their normal rate of production.

Compared with last season, however, when the match produced 136 points, the Baabaas had to work hard for success. Only a flurry of six tries (four to the visitors) in the final quarter lifted the level of victory into the realms of the paranormal.

In a season which has brought him little pleasure, Chalmers was at least able to enjoy himself. Captain of the Barbarians for the day, he made much of the running in victory by five goals and four tries to a goal, three tries and a penalty goal, though it will have been little compensation for the loss of his Scotland place during the five nations' championship.

He formed an effective Hibernian midfield with the two Irishmen, Field and Ridge, who swiftly discovered that they had only to check a single pace and Eves would be at their side. The Bristol flanker, one of a broad swathe of new Barbarians, was not one of the nine internationals on view but worked hard and was rewarded with two tries.

This is very much a day for the non-internationals and top-quality juniors to pit their talents against the best. This they did in style, young Steffert leading the way with some excellent lineout work and Moir, the Wales Under-21 squad wing, showing elusive qualities.

Both men play for Northampton, who took the opportunity to experiment with their sound system which linked Ed Morrison, the referee, to the committee box. It is a method of communication on which the Rugby Football Union is working, but Northampton are looking at the commercial implications of a system which has been in use in South Africa for three seasons.

The half-time margin of 19-8 did less than justice to East Midlands who spent considerable time in the Barbarians' half, but for little reward. Pask enjoyed his try after Dods found himself isolated and two tries midway through the second half enlivened a crowd of barely 3,000.

Woods showed a neat turn of foot in pursuit of Ridge's chip through, although a leg injury ended his game early. That left Stark to enjoy the limelight on the Barbarians' other wing. He, too, has been rejected by Scotland this season, but twice he left his marker for dead.

SCORERS: East Midlands: Tries: Pask, Glanvill, Macnaughton, Alston. Conversion: Tubb. Penalty goal: Tubb. Barbarians: Tries: Field (2), Eves (2), Stark (2), Ridge, Woods, Dods. Conversions: Dods (5).
EAST MIDLANDS (Northampton unless stated): C Glanvill (Bedford), S Webster, F Packman, R Macnaughton, C Moir, S Tubb, B Gabriel (Bedford); L Mansell (Bedford), T Matson (Peterborough), C Allen, P Alston (Bedford), D Newman (Kettering), J Phillips, P Pask, M Steffert. Packman replaced by M Rogers (Kettering, 62min).
BARBARIANS: M Dods (Gala and Scotland), D Stark (Boroughmuir and Scotland), M Field (Malone and Ireland), M Ridge (Blackrock College), N Woods (Blackrock College), C Chalmers (Melrose and Scotland), A Rolland (Blackrock College and Ireland); G Rowntree (Leicester), W Mulcahy (Skerries), P Burnell (London Scottish and Scotland), J Hall (Bath and England), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP and Scotland), M Poole (Leicester), D Eves (Bristol), B Robinson (Ballymena and Ireland). Woods replaced by R Moon (Moseley, 58).
Referee: E Morrison (Bristol)

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Clift, the Charing Cross-Westminster stand off, is well tackled by Mark Tremelling, of St Mary's

St Mary's march on to late victory

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BY DAVID LLEWELLYN

THEY have dubbed it the Uniplex United Hospitals' Challenge Cup but the silverware might be renamed St Mary's. Their seventeenth successive final produced their 32nd cup victory as Charing Cross-Westminster, the holders, lost their grip on the trophy in a rugged, pacy final at London Welsh yesterday.

After a messy first half of missed kicks, the tempo quickened from the re-start, with the Charing Cross pack running some magnificent driving mauls.

The tackling by both sides was hard and heroic throughout. The medical world knows how to treat pain but, judging by the ferocity of the hits, it knows none. The wonderful thing was that neither side gave up as the lead changed hands four times.

There were some outstanding performances, notably the St Mary's back row of Phil Mitchell, Chris Langrish and Jared Torkington, and the Charing Cross stand off, David Clift. But the cheers belonged to the St Mary's right wing, Chris Boos. He opened the scoring with an unconverted try in the ninth minute and touched down ahead of the full-back, Alan Redman, for his second.

Andy Sinclair, the Charing Cross right wing, showed pace and stylish footwork when he dribbled through for a well-taken try to keep his side in the hunt at the start of the second half. It was converted by Clift, but he missed four out of six penalty kicks.

When Ed Rowe, at scrum half, rounded off a fine forward drive with a try on the hour and Clift added a second penalty goal, victory looked certain for the holders. But their hopes slipped when they were punished for collapsing a 71st-minute scrum on their own line and St Mary's picked up the penalty try to claim a narrow victory.

SCORERS: St Mary's: Tries: Boos (2), penalty try. Conversions: Morgan (2). Charing Cross-Westminster: Tries: Sinclair, Rowe. Conversion: Clift. Penalty goals: Clift (2)
ST MARY'S HOSPITAL: T Poole; C Boos, D Abrams, A Morgan, T Shephard; S Hakey, W Jackson; A Evans, S Whale, N Hunt, J Torlington, M Crowther, M Tremelling, C Langrish, P Mitchell. Langrish replaced by N Wood (67min).
CHARING CROSS-WESTMINSTER: A Redman; C Swan, G O'Driscoll, M Hutton, A Sinclair, D Clift, E Rowe; F Banks, A Dalrymple, A Norrish, M Jaffary, H Lewis, J Watts, J Hickey (capt), R Walker. Lewis replaced by A Poulis (46).
Referee: A Evans (RFU).

Scots select Redpath to replace Armstrong

BY ALAN LORIMER

SCOTLAND have made only one change from the team that drew 6-6 with Ireland in Dublin to play France in the Royal Bank international match at Murrayfield on March 19. This was forced by the thumb injury to Gary Armstrong, whose place at scrum half goes to Bryan Redpath, of Melrose.

The selectors had a choice between Andy Nicol, the Dundee High School FP player, and Redpath but have stayed consistent with their recent rankings by selecting the latter for the No 9 shirt. Nicol played against New Zealand and Wales this season but was displaced when Armstrong returned for the game against England.

Yesterday, at the team announcement in Peebles, Duncan Paterson, the Scotland manager, hinted that playing for a second division club has not helped Nicol's cause. "International players cannot play at a high enough level," he said. "It would be pointless to think that a player could be as sharp as he should be if he is playing at a lower level."

The absence of Armstrong will affect both offence and defence around the fringes of the scrum and this might have tempted the selectors to play a bigger open-side flanker. Instead, they opted again for Ian Smith, of Gloucester, Paterson saying that, overall, the back row "played well in Dublin".

For a country that purports to have no strength in depth, Scotland will have used 28 players since the game against New Zealand. The match against France will also mark a unique double — the fiftieth appearances of the Hastings brothers. "They have both brought credit to their family and to their country," Paterson said.

SCOTLAND: G Hastings (Watsonians, captain); A Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), D Wyllie (Stewart's Melville FP), K Logan (Stirling); G Townsend (Gala), B Redpath (Melrose); A Sharp (Bristol), K Milne (Heriot's FP), P Burnell (London Scottish), P Walton (Northampton), S Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A Reed (Bath), I Smith (Gloucester), G Weir (Melrose).

SPORTS LETTERS

Causes for concern in Norman-Temple affair

From Mr John H. Anderson

Sir, It is necessary to respond to Adrian Metcalfe's letter (February 24) on the Andy Norman "witch-hunt".

It is news to me that Norman reported allegations about Cliff Temple to "three senior officials of the BAAB". However, if he did so, and if the allegations possessed any weight, then they would surely have been investigated by the governing body. As things stand, all we have are unsubstantiated allegations reported to have been made to unnamed officials at an unspecified time, allegations to which the governing body made no response.

Conversely, the evidence of the "infamous" tape and the direct witness of responsible journalists about Norman's verbal abuse of Cliff Temple at the world championships provide much stronger reasons for concern.

It serves no good purpose to speculate on the impact which Norman's conduct had upon Temple, for that is best left to the coroner. There are, however, causes for concern in the recent testimony of another journalist involved in coaching, Steven Downes.

Downes claims that Norman made similar allegations of sexual molestation of female athletes. He also claims he was visited at his home by a former Metropolitan police officer and that he received a threatening phonecall from a former international athlete.

These are serious allegations which appear to go beyond mere professional misconduct and indeed may verge on the criminal. We are not here in the realms of hearsay but faced with physical evidence in the form of the tape and the direct witness of responsible journalists.

Finally, does not Metcalfe find it strange that two journalists who had been critical of Norman should experience such similar conduct at his hands? It surprises and saddens me, as it will many coaches and athletes, that someone of Metcalfe's standing should offer such a thin and shoddy apologia, based apparently on a badly informed understanding of the facts.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN H. ANDERSON,
Chairman, National
Association of Sports Coaches,
Port Allen Cottage,
Errol, Perthshire.

England chose right tactics

From Mr Richard Butler

Sir, David Miller's article (March 7) about England's defeat of France in Paris takes completely the wrong tone.

England went to the cauldron of the Parc des Princes and beat the French with tactics which proved correct for the match.

The fact that no tries were scored or it wasn't wonderful running rugby misses the point. Can you imagine the reactions if England had continually run the ball and lost the game?

Why don't we hang out the bunting and shout to the rooftops about a wonderful performance and result. We in the pubs and bars of this country were proud of our team in beating France and we shall continue to be proud whenever England defeats any country at sport.

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD BUTLER,
Flat 6, 74 Marquess Road, NI.

Britain's efforts could meet greater reward

From Mr Konrad Bartelski

Sir, David Miller's summation of the Winter Olympics (March 1) grasped a number of essential points that have drowned in coverage of such trivialities as the Harding-Kerrigan soap opera.

Most significant was that he found some tangible evidence of positive endeavours by British competitors in the icy wilderness of Lillehammer.

Taking part in an environment so alien to our own climate incessantly poses the question of why we even try to compete.

That, for example, our alpine skiers, who did not win much applause at the Games, are better ranked in the world than our tennis players indicates some positive elements to their continued commitment.

The usual excuse, that we do not have any mountains, is both insulting to the beautiful hills north of the border and illustrates an ignorance of the sports, as in 1968 our women's ski team missed a bronze medal by 0.03sec in the slalom, and finished placed sixth and eighth in the other two disciplines. With hard work and careful management, success is obtainable.

That Miller reported the absence of the minister for sport, Iain Sproat, from the British camp starts to demonstrate why Britain continues to wallow in the midfield. How can we tackle the continuing fragmentation of British sports administration when such indifference is shown by those in highest office?

Putting the concept of money buying success into the right context is relevant in view of the forthcoming national lottery. Many sports officials are already excitedly anticipating a financial bonanza but, unless the numerous tiers can be streamlined, I wonder what benefit will reach our leading competitors.

We urgently require a single British national body that can direct the energies of our youth more productively by sound management and leadership so that, at the next occasion of such a grand festival of sport, Britain, too, can be inspired by the brilliance of its own competitors.

Yours faithfully,
KONRAD BARTELSKI,
7 Doneraile Street, SW6.

Cardiff response

From Mr G. P. Dando

Sir, I feel compelled to respond to Mrs Irene Boston's comments (Sports Letters, March 3) about the Cardiff City v Luton Town match.

I attended the match together with my son and his friend. Arrival at the ground was uneventful. Everyone appeared well-behaved and, although an air of excitement was evident, I saw no "jostling" of Luton fans as they entered the grandstand and Grange end of the ground. The area, as post-match, was policed quite adequately. The atmosphere during the game was terrific, with little crowd trouble.

Waiting for the lads outside the ground at the end of the game, for some ten to 15 minutes, I watched the home crowd leaving, and the Luton supporters then began to emerge. If there was any rowdiness, it was they who displayed it, but it was warranted as their side had won. We walked among Luton fans on the way back to our car, with no problems (apart from some choice language).

Several friends and workmates attended the game and without reservation their views coincide with mine. Where Mrs Boston encountered all the aggression and intimidation is difficult to imagine, especially before the match result was known. I have been a Cardiff supporter since 1968 and the idiocy and violence of the Seventies has long died out. It is a fine club, well run, with first-class stewarding, and puts families first. There is no justification to lump the thousands of decent supporters that follow the club through thick and think with the tiny "yob" faction that exists (as they do at every club).

Yours faithfully,
GARETH DANDO,
2a Ivor Street,
Cwmcarn, Gwent.

Good investment

From Mr K. B. Stanger

Sir, David Townsend's article from Nairobi (March 3) on the Emirates Cricket Board team in the ICC Trophy merits further comment.

The bank for which I work has five players in this squad. All are ordinary officers of the bank who play cricket for the bank in their spare time. There is no question of their being given $50,000 and three months off work to practise. Nor is there any question of a Mercedes Benz for winning.

Townsend also says that it is suspicious that only two of the imports were willing to provide residential addresses. Like many countries where there are no postal delivery services, most of us rely entirely on PO box numbers as our means of address to the outside world. I have no idea whatsoever of my street address. Further, if he imagines that the Emirates are capable of planning in 1989 a team to play in the 1994 qualifying tournament for the World Cup, he does our planning more credit than I fear is due.

Finally, getting a residency permit in the Emirates is bound by very strict rules operated by the department of immigration, among whose priorities cricket is, alas, quite low. The authorities only grant such a permit if the potential resident has a job and a sponsor and a certain guaranteed salary.

Nonetheless, there is a large expatriate community in the Emirates and a number of excellent tournaments are fiercely contested each year among the various company teams.

Yours faithfully,
K. B. STANGER,
PO Box 3965, Abu Dhabi,
United Arab Emirates.

Top of one table

From Mr Simon Bartley

Sir, How good to be able to report national prowess in Lillehammer: 14 out of every 15 ticket touts were British.

Yours, recently scalped,
S. BARTLEY,
20 St Thomas's Place, E9.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

FAMP
(c) An indurated wavy calcareous shale, found among limestone rocks, of unknown etymology, originally north of England dialect: "Black beds intermixed with famp and nodules of chert."

GNATHO
(c) A person resembling the Gnatho of Terence, a parasite or sycophant. Latin adaptation of the Greek *gnathōn* a jaw, hence a name for a sycophant: "Take heed of these clawbacks that will follow like gnathoes and parasites."

TENEBRIO
(c) One who lurks in the dark, a night-prowler, also a night-spirit, a nocturnal visitant, from the Latin *tenebrio* one who lurks in the dark, *tenebrae* shadows.

UPAS
(c) A fabulous tree alleged to have existed in Java, at some distance from Batavia, with properties so poisonous as to destroy all animal and vegetable life to a distance of 15 or 16 miles around it, from the Malay *ūpas* poison, in the combination *pohun ūpas* poison-tree. Thackeray, 1841: "Avoid tobacco as you would the upas plant."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
Black carelessly played 1 ... Kxf6 and after 2 Rxe6+! Bxe6 3 Qxe6+ Kg7 4 Qf7+ followed by 5 Qf6+ White won. He should have played 1 ... Rxh4+! 2 Kg1 Bh3 3 Kh1 Rxg3 and Black wins easily.

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Disney striving to enter land of giants



David Powell looks at a marathon venture as the film industry begins to explore lucrative sporting fields

IT WAS not a Disney classic but, like *Beauty and the Beast*, the Walt Disney World Marathon expects to pick up after a slow beginning. The first Disney Marathon in Orlando in January was hardly noticed outside Florida, though it follows that these purveyors of fantasy presume their event will enter the land of the giants, where the London and New York marathons tower over the rest.

The Disney pen which has made its reputation in animated art can now write any cheque it pleases to hasten its advance in sports promotion. The marathon is Disney's latest journey into the wonderful world of sport. Golf, ice hockey, and now athletics. *What next?*

"We are just getting started in sports and the feelers are out around the world," Bobby Holcombe, a Disney spokesman, said. "Tennis is one thing we are looking at strongly."

Reggie Williams, a former linebacker for the Cincinnati Bengals, has recently been appointed Disney's first full-time sports development director. No sooner had Disney's first marathon finished than he was saying: "We are looking very soon to announce a Walt Disney international soccer event."

Listen to Tony Altobelli, one of Holcombe's associates, and you will know why Disney wants to be involved in sport. "Walt Disney is in the world of entertainment and sport is the hottest form of entertainment worldwide today. It is a big *business*, a lucrative business."

Say what you like about Euro Disney, but the Disney empire did not reach an estimated worth of $7.5 billion without a nose for profit. The marathon, held on a course through Disney World with 7,200 runners, added 20,000 to the room occupancy there during the slack season: *20,000 runners, with families* and friends, all spending in the Disney shops and theme parks.

The Mighty Ducks, the Anaheim-based Californian ice hockey team which the Disney Corporation launched last year are setting records already. Not on the ice, but in Disney's 250 outlets in the United States. Ducks merchandise accounts for a staggering 65 per cent of all National Hockey League sales.

"It was not a financial gamble," Williams said. "If there was a risk, it was in image." Fights on ice, disputes *off it: hardly compatible with* Disney's obsessive standards. Example: staff at Disney World are banned from growing facial hair.

"Disney is image-conscious but the fact that the merchandise is selling on a par with the best teams in the NBA [National Basketball Association] and NFL [National Football League] shows there is no problem," Williams said. The Ducks are a curious phenomenon. Based outside the traditional cold belt, their origins are in a film, *The Mighty Ducks*, an unlikely story of a motley bunch taking ice hockey *by storm*. The Anaheim version cost $50 million to put on the ice and Disney now hopes to sweep up the world's elite marathon runners.

If it is to be an internationally significant marathon, it cannot repeat its decision not *to pay appearance fees and* time bonuses. None of the world's leading runners took part, nor will they while prize-money and a handshake with Mickey Mouse are the only rewards.

"My guess is that Disney is *not going to mess around*," Bill Rodgers, four times winner of the New York Marathon, said. "It is not a New York quality field yet but it could build up to that. They were smart not to try in the first year because a lot of races bite off more than they can chew."

It would have been a risk to *expose the best athletes to a* marathon before the event's faults were known and corrected. Next year there will be 12,000 runners, but can it join the major league? "The possibilities are there," Hugh Jones, the former London *winner, who was sixth in* Orlando, said.

A Euro Disney marathon is pencilled in for October: and a Mighty Ducks follow-up film is on its way. *Aladdin* has been breaking box office records this winter as Disney still turns out personal bests after 60 years. What a marathon runner would give for such longevity.

Under-21 win bodes well for England

Barmby's injury casts cloud over Sexton's success

BY OLIVER HOLT

ALL shy smiles and platitudes, Dave Sexton came to rejoice in Terry Venables's first success as head of the national game and left with his head spinning with *questions about the health of* Nick Barmby.

Such is the interest in Tottenham Hotspur's descent towards the FA Carling Premiership relegation zone that an injury to another of their key players overshadowed *an encouraging* 1-0 victory for the England Under-21 side over their Denmark counterparts on Tuesday.

Sexton, restored to his position in charge of the country's best young players with Ray Wilkins and Peter Bonetti as *his deputies, answered the* questions dutifully, even provided a few scraps to the hungry press about how Barmby's face was contorted with pain in the aftermath of his collision in the first half with Michael Stensgaard, the *Denmark goalkeeper, which* led to him being carried off on a stretcher and having his left knee encased in plaster.

Fears that Barmby had been seriously injured, however, were allayed yesterday when the plaster was removed and *Tottenham spokesman John* Fennelly said the damage amounted only to "severe bruising".

"His knee is now in a supportive brace and we will know more when the injury has settled down," Fennelly added, "but the signs are positive."If Sexton was frustrated that this injury and not the performance had grabbed the headlines, he did not show it. Even so, it must have been *galling. In the humble but* hospitable surroundings of Brentford's Griffin Park, his team played with an elegance and poise that boded well for the future of the senior team.

Beginning with a zeal born of playing for a regime *untainted by the disappointment* of defeat and keen to stake their claims to a place in the new man's plans, the speed of Parlour, the strength of Redknapp and the guile of Sinclair and Barmby bemused the Danes in the early stages.

Sutton and Redknapp were denied in goalmouth melées before Joachim, Barmby's replacement, had a shot saved at point-blank range by the goalkeeper on the stroke of half-time. Soon after, Parlour sprinted through the Den*mark defence but lost control* as he advanced on goal.

Although the second half descended into a turgid stalemate, England did not resort to the long-ball tactic. It appears to have been banished from their game plan. Bart-*Williams played with style* and the Tottenham defensive pairing of Campbell and Nethercott were confident on the ball. When Sinclair scored the game's only goal eight minutes from time, it was no more than England deserved.

Afterwards, Redknapp, the Liverpool midfielder, enthused about the installation of a new national management team. "It is a privilege to be coached by somebody like *Dave Sexton*," he said. "*There* is a fresh impetus and everyone was very keen to do well."

Sexton was the picture of contentment, singling out Barmby and the Manchester City right back, Richard Edghill, who played flawlessly *at left back, for special praise.*

"Terry [Venables] is a friend of mine, so *obviously* we were keen to get the new era off to a good start and I think we did that," Sexton said. "The goal was a relief when it came. Ray Wilkins says is the first time *he has ever seen Sinclair score* with his left foot."

Wilkins, Sinclair's teammate at Queens Park Rangers, still seems unsure about whether to persevere with his new role and abandon his playing career despite the *success on Tuesday and the* excitement of taking his first training session.

"It is great to be involved," he said. "It has given me a real lift. I have that buzz again that you only get when you work with England. Rangers agreed *to release me to be involved in* this match and it is the only under-21 match that takes place during the season.

"The next games come in June in a tournament in Toulon, but I don't know if I will still be around then."

PAUL MARRIOTT



Barmby is stretchered off during the England Under-21 win against Denmark

Foster calls for quick decision on Norman

BRENDAN Foster, the former 3,000 metres world record-holder, yesterday urged British athletics "to arrest the *decline in its reputation*" by making an immediate decision about the future of Andy Norman. Foster said that the British Athletic Federation should procrastinate no longer, regardless of the financial consequences (David Powell writes).

The federation, mindful of the potential expense of dismissing Norman, its promotions officer, has been painstakingly slow in reaching a decision. It is conducting an enquiry *into Norman's* allegedly threatening telephone call to Cliff Temple, the journalist and coach, who committed suicide in January.

"We have an atmosphere in the sport that is unpleasant," Foster, speaking at the launch of the 1994 Bupa Great Run series, said. "People do not trust anybody. It is a shambles. It should not be about profit."

Wigan under pressure

RUGBY LEAGUE: Wigan, whose dominance of the sport is under threat, will have to cram their last eight Stones Bitter championship matches of the season into 24 days next month, the Rugby Football League (RFL) confirmed yesterday. On top of a long injury list, it is a burden that could prove unbearable as they seek to win the title for the fifth consecutive year (Christopher Irvine writes).

With several players struggling to be fit for the Challenge Cup semi-final against Castleford on Saturday, they must also fear that Kelvin Skerrett and Billy McGinty will be suspended by the RFL disciplinary committee tonight after the turbulent cup tie with Featherstone Rovers 12 days ago.

Powell sinks Navy

HOCKEY: Neil Powell, who plays for Canterbury in the National League, scored both goals for the Royal Air Force in their 2-0 victory over the Royal Navy in the Services championship that began in Plymouth yesterday. The RAF, who worked hard defensively to supress the enthusiastic Moseley and Dale-Smith, the best of the Navy forwards, opened the scoring in the 49th minute when Powell converted a penalty stroke. Nine minutes later, Wood, another National League player from Doncaster, set up the chance for Powell's second.

Davis wins test of nerve

SNOOKER: Steve Davis confirmed he can still keep his nerve under pressure by beating Peter Ebdon 5-4 in the quarter-finals of the Kloster Thailand Open in Bangkok yesterday. Last month, Davis lost by an identical score to James Wattana on a re-spotted black at the same stage of the International Open after Wattana had needed a snooker on the blue. Against Ebdon, however, the six-time world and United Kingdom champion regained his composure. "I cracked up against James, so it's nice to know that it's not going to be a regular occurrence," Davis said.

Thompson's triumph

BOWLS: Valerie Thompson, Pam Sutton and Julie Meakin, from the Barwell Club, Leicester, won the EWIBA triples championship at Darlington yesterday, defeating Taunton 21-14 in the final. The Taunton team — Di Gray, Denise Marshall and Jill Young — took an early lead but, once Barwell went ahead, they never let it slip. Thompson enjoyed a fine game at lead, setting up a succession of scoring heads with her accurate drawing to three quarter jacks. In the champion of champions final, Sharon Rickman won the title at her third attempt, beating Sue Curtis 21-2.

Chinese drugs tests

ATHLETICS: Wang Junxia, the women's world record-holder at 10,000 metres and 3,000 metres, was one of ten Chinese runners tested for drugs by an International Amateur Athletic Federation official on Tuesday, the *China Sports Daily* reported yesterday. The test was conducted at the training camp run by Ma Junren, her coach, in China's northeast Liaoning province. Chinese women won gold medals over 1,500 metres, 3,000 metres and 10,000 metres in the world championships in Stuttgart last year, then set three world records at China's national championships.

Ballesteros pursues public interest in Ryder Cup

FROM MEL WEBB IN MAJORCA

IT IS pleasant to arrive at a PGA European Tour event and find that the host course is not a candidate to stage the 1997 Ryder Cup match. The in-fighting and politicking within the ranks of Spanish golf would have become unutterably boring long ago had it not been for one man — Severiano Ballesteros.

Ballesteros, certain to be the European captain in three years' time, has a personal interest in taking the match to Novo Sancti Petri in Cadiz, in that he designed the course, but he appears to be swimming against the tide, which is flowing firmly in the direction of Valderrama, owned by the Bolivian multi-millionaire, Jaime Patino.

Yesterday, Ballesteros continued his lobbying as he prepared for the Turespaña Balearic Open that starts today at Son Vida, saying that it would be "fatal" for Spanish golf and tourism if the match was not taken to a public course, which Novo Sancti Petri is and Valderrama *emphatically is not.*

"Augusta and Valderrama are the two most exclusive clubs in the world," he said. The temptation is to ask: "So what?"

Rather more to the point is how Ballesteros sees his immediate future, starting this week at the course where he won this tournament in 1990 after making up five shots on Magnus Persson in the last ten holes. He won the title at the first hole of a play-off when Persson planted his drive in the lake to the left of the 18th fairway.

Ballesteros has had a muted start to what for him is almost a comeback season, finishing in a tie for *eighteenth place in the Andalucian* Open in Jerez a fortnight ago and missing the cut in Torrevieja last week. After this tournament, he has only one more appearance — in the Tournament Players' Championship that starts in Ponte Vedra on March 24 — to put a final gloss on his game for his attempt to win his third US Masters title at the end of the first week in April.

He claims he is feeling happy enough with his progress thus far — "I am still not playing as I would like to be, but I am working in the right direction," he said — but, although his iron play is fast losing its winter rust, he is still not hitting the ball with any consistency off the tee.

He revealed some of that inaccuracy with his pro-am round yesterday, when he finished with a 69 that was rescued by his short irons and putter in a birdie, birdie, eagle finish. He says he is here to win his fourth Balearic title, but the abiding feeling is that he would be happy enough if he were still playing at the weekend.

The Son Vida course has seen considerable changes since 1990, four new tees having added about 200 yards to what was previously an untesting layout for tournament professionals. The most significant alteration has been to the 3rd, which is 100 yards longer than it was and is now a 382 yard par five.

The longest hole on the course, the 13th, has been stretched by 30 yards and now measures a daunting 576 yards. When Ballesteros won here, he was 19 under par — it is unlikely to be that easy this time around.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Charlotte 97 Phoenix 89, Cleveland 103 Sacramento 82; Orlando 95 Denver 88; Chicago 116 Atlanta 95, Dallas 110 Los Angeles Clippers 116, San Antonio 115 Houston 99, Utah 100 Minnesota 86, Seattle 113 Golden State 98.

BOXING

LEDYARD, Connecticut: Heavyweight: Larry Holmes (US) bt Ganing Lane (US) pts.

BOWLS

DARLINGTON: English women's indoor championships: Triples: Semi-finals: Barwell 19 Peterborough 17 (after extra end); Taunton 24 Thamesdown 23. Final: Barwell 21 Taunton 14. Champion of Champions: Final: S Rickman (King George Field) 21 S Curtis (Beccles) 2. Unbadged pairs: First round: Mote Park 24 City of Ely 20; Colchester 22 Northaven 18, Ipswich 22 Plymouth Civil Service 13; Desborough (Maidenhead) 23 Erdington Court 13; Croydon 19 Tye Green 14, Arun 25 West Berks 21; Egerton Park 26 York 16; Carlisle 31 Lincoln 19.

CYCLING

PARIS TO NICE RACE: Fourth stage (Clermont-Ferrand to Saint Etienne, 158km): 1, F Baldato (It) 4hr 17min 11sec; 2, G Fidanza (It) at 1sec; 3, S Blasci (It); 4, A Tchmile (Mol); 5, M Piccoli (It) all same time. Overall: 1, Baldato 18hr 41min 30sec; 2, M Cipollini (It) at 4sec; 3, D Abdoujaparov (Uzb) 10; 4, Fidanza 16; 5, C Capelle (Fre) 20.

TOUR OF MURCIA: First stage (71km time-trial: Spain unless stated): 1, C Boerdman (GB) 8min 1sec; 2, E Breukink (Holl) at 10sec; 3, M Maurt 14sec. Second stage (La Manga de Mar Menor to Cartagena, 150km): 1, G Lombardi (It) 4hr 5min 6sec; 2, J Capot (Bel); 3, W Vecmans (Holl) both same time. Overall: 1, Boardman 4:13:07; 2, Breukink at 10sec; 3, Maurt 14.

FOOTBALL

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Tottenham 1 Crystal Palace 2; Wimbledon 0 Millwall 0. Second division: Bournemouth 2 Cardiff 1.

FA HARP LAGER CUP: Second round: Glebe North 0 Home Farm 2.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Quarter-final, first leg: Poland 1 Portugal 3.

Late results on Tuesday

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL MATCH: England 1 Denmark 0 (at Brentford).

ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Grimsby 3 Peterborough 2; Luton 1 Middlesbrough 1. Second division: Hartlepool 1 Leyton Orient 1; Plymouth 1 Barnet 0; Rotherham 1 Bournemouth 2; Swansea 3 Brighton 0; Wrexham 0 Stockport 1. Third division: Northampton 4 Scunthorpe 0; Darlington 0 Chesterfield 0.

AUTOGLASS TROPHY: Northern final, first leg: Huddersfield 4 Carlisle 1.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dagenham 3 Woking 4; Telford 0 Stalybridge 2; Witton 1 Stafford 1. Drinkwise Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Macclesfield 2 Nantwich 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Motherwell 1 Aberdeen 1.

FA TROPHY: Third round replays: Dover 2 Sutton United 3 (aet), Enfield 2 Bishop Auckland 1; Gluseley 1 Cheltenham 0; Halifax 0 Runcorn 2.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 1 Nuneaton 0. Southern division: Buckingham Town 0 Fareham 0, Erith and Belvedere 2 Canterbury 0; Fisher 83 0 Newport (IW) 1. Midland division: Hinckley 0 Yate 3; RC Warwick 1 Armitage 1; Redditch 0 Bilston 0; Rushden and Diamonds 2 Bridgnorth 0; Weston-super-Mare 5 Tamworth 1.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Knowsley 1 Colwyn Bay 5; Leek 4 Droylsden 2. First division: Radcliffe 1 Bamber Bridge 0. Challenge Cup: Third round: Morecambe 0 Gt Harwood 2. First division Cup: Goole 1 Workstop 0.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street 0 Durham 2.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashfield 2 Armthorpe Welfare 2; Hucknall 1 Sheffield 0; North Ferriby 3 Ossett Town 2; Ossett Albion 0 Thackley 0.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham 0 March 0; Harwich and Parkeston 1 Lowestoft 1; Histon 1 Diss 1; Newmarket 6 Wroxham 3; Sudbury 1 Halstead 0; Wisbech 3 Norwich Utd 1.

FA VASE: Sixth round, second replay: Aldershot Town 0 Atherton LR 2.

EUROPEAN UNDER-16 CHAMPIONSHIP: England 1 Holland 0.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 0 Leicester 0; Everton 0 York 1; Sheffield Wednesday 2 Liverpool 2.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers 2 Bristol Rovers 2; West Ham 1 Luton 0.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Connah's Quay 0 Newtown 2.

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: Second round: Bangor 1 Arda 3; Crusaders 4 Newry 0.

DUTCH LEAGUE: Heerenveen 2 Twente Enschede 2.

HOCKEY

PLYMOUTH: Services championship: Under-21: Royal Navy 3, RAF 1. Veterans: Royal Navy 1, RAF 0. Seniors: Royal Navy 0, RAF 2. Women: Army 1, RAF 1 (Army won 4-3 on penalty strokes).

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia 3 Dallas 4 (OT); Pittsburgh 7 Boston 3; Quebec 5 Ottawa 2; Chicago 3 Anaheim 0; San Jose 4 Buffalo 4 (OT).

LACROSSE

MILTON KEYNES: Delight schools tournament: Boyd Cup: Semi-finals: Downhouse 3 St Margaret's, Bushey 2; St Swithin's 4 Guildford HS 2. Final: Downhouse 3 St Swithin's 0. Westcott Jones Cup: Semi-finals: Haberdashers' Aske's 2 Westonbirt 0; St Swithin's 1 Lady Eleanor Holles 2. Final: Lady Eleanor Holles 2 Haberdashers' Aske's 1.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Cross Keys 11 Neath 17.

MOBBS MEMORIAL MATCH: East Midlands 25 Barbarians 55 (at Northampton).

UNIPLEX UNITED HOSPITALS' CUP: Final: St Mary's Hospital 19 Charing Cross-Westminster 18 (at London Welsh).

COMMERCIAL UNION UAU CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-finals: Durham 9 Northumbria 34 (at Gateshead Fell); Roehampton IHE 19 West London IHE 24 (at Harlequins).

TOUR MATCH: Rosario 32 Queensland 31 (in Buenos Aires).

CRICKET

WELLINGTON (third one-day international): Pakistan beat New Zealand by 11 runs.

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar b Cairns	16
Aamir Sohail c Young b Morrison	76
Inzamam-ul-Haq c Cairns b Pringle	84
Basit Ali b Morrison	1
Wasim Akram b Morrison	0
*Salim Malik not out	10
†Rashid Latif b Larsen	3
Asif Mujtaba not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 9, w 3, nb 2)	22
Total (6 wkts, 48 overs)	213

Akram Raza, Waqar Younis and Ata-ur-Rehman did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-171, 3-174, 4-174, 5-206, 6-209.

BOWLING: Pringle 9-0-52-1; Morrison 10-1-32-3; Larsen 10-1-32-1; Cairns 10-0-26-1; Thomson 2-0-14-0; Harris 7-0-30-0.

NEW ZEALAND

B A Young run out	37
M J Greatbatch c Aamir b Rehman	9
A H Jones run out	38
*K R Rutherford c Salim b Waqar	48
S A Thomson b Wasim	38
C L Cairns b Wasim	2
C Z Harris not out	8
†T E Blain run out	3
G E Larsen b Waqar	6
D K Morrison not out	4
Extras (b 3, lb 5, w 3)	11
Total (8 wkts, 48 overs)	202

C Pringle did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-76, 3-108, 4-168, 5-176, 6-177, 7-181, 8-193.

BOWLING: Wasim 10-1-41-2; Waqar 10-0-43-2; Ata-ur-Rehman 6-0-15-1; Aamir 6-0-29-0; Salim 10-0-37-0; Raza 6-0-29-0.

Man of the match: Inzamam-ul-Haq.

Pakistan lead five-match series 3-0.

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Thailand Open: Second round: J Swail (N Ire) bt D Harold (Eng) 5-1; J Wattana (Thai) bt T Griffiths (Wales) 5-1. Quarter-finals: S Davis (Eng) bt P Ebdon (Eng) 5-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

TOUR MATCH: Northern Transvaal 11 Great Britain Lions 42 (in Pretoria).

SQUASH

VALE DE LOBO: Portuguese Open: First round (England unless stated): P Steel (NZ) bt D Meddings 15-13, 15-9, 15-10; C van der Walt (SA) bt S Meads 14-15, 15-7, 13-15, 15-13, 15-6; D Harris bt P Whitlock 15-5, 15-8, 15-9, J Nicolle bt S Parke 4-15, 15-7, 15-8, 15-13; A Hill (Aus) bt M Puenas 15-7, 15-8, 15-9; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt C Leach 15-8, 15-9, 17-14; B Marsh (Aus) bt Abdul Faheem Khan (HK) 15-11, 15-13, 15-13; Mir Zaman Gul (Pak) bt D Webb 15-13, 15-12, 15-12; R Norman (NZ) bt M Chaloner 6-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-14; Zarak Jahan Khan (Pak) bt D Ryan (Ire) 10-15, 15-11, 15-8, 15-9; P Johnson bt M Maclean (Scot) 15-8, 15-12, 15-9, P Nicol (Scot) bt P Lord 15-10, 15-10, 15-9.

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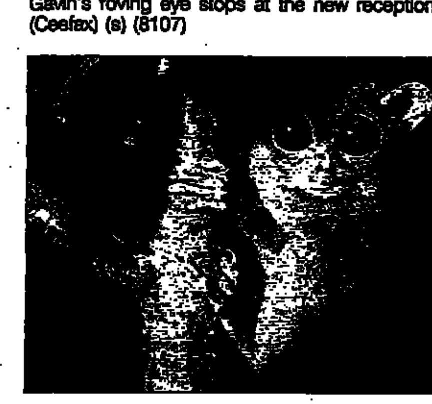
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6.00 Business Breakfast (68861)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (64514584)
9.05 Kilroy (s) (8836294) **9.45 Newshound** (s) (9049346)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (5375300) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (8925958)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. (s) (91823942)
12.15 Pebble Mill. Alan Titchmarsh talks to Joanna Trollope and Lindsay Duncan (s) (1172855) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (20643300)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (79316)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (67640126) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (67644942)
2.15 FILM: Judge Horton and the Scottsboro Boys (1976) starring Arthur Hill as a Southern judge who presides over the 1930s Alabama trial of nine young blacks accused of raping two white women. Directed by Fielder Cook (711720)
3.50 Noddy (r) (s) (9024584) **4.00 Jackanory** (r) (s) (4897377) **4.10 The All New Popeye Show** (9717300) **4.30 Mud.** Comedy-drama series. (Ceefax) (s) (2680213)
4.55 Newsround (2108316) **5.05 Blue Peter** (Ceefax) (s) (4858923)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (512652)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (671)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (923)
7.00 Top of the Pops. (Ceefax) (s) (5687)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (107)
8.00 Nelson's Column. Comedy series starring John Gordon Sinclair as a local newspaper reporter. Gavin's roving eye stops at the new receptionist. (Ceefax) (s) (8107)



A wide-eyed tarsier of Sulawesi (8.30pm)

8.30 CHOICE **Wildlife on One: Gremlins of the Night.** (Ceefax) (s) (3382)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Peter Sissons. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (5478)
9.30 Absolutely Fabulous. The final episode of Jennifer Saunders' manic comedy. Edina, Patsy and Saffron relive their birth experiences. (Ceefax) (s) (58774)
10.00 Ben Elton – The Man from Auntie. Last in the series of sketches from the ubiquitous comedian (s) (49584)
10.30 Question Time chaired by David Dimbleby from Nottingham. The panel is Dr Thomas Butler, the Bishop of Leicester, Paul Johnson and MPs Jack Cunningham and Emma Nicholson (89584) **Wales:** The State 11.00 Question Time 12.00 The Long Street 12.30am Jonathan Ross Presents 1.00-1.30 The Best of British
11.30 Jonathan Ross Presents. Phil Collins talks to the chat show host about his early life as a child actor and his present jet-set lifestyle (s) (66300)
12.00 Best of British. A compilation of classic cinema clips (2452091) **12.25-12.30 Weather** (3835701)
2.00-2.10 BBC Select: Disability Agenda (3806140) **2.45-3.30 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today** (9503053) **3.00 RCN Nursing Update** (44817)

BBC2

6.20 Open University
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (4974855)
8.15 Westminster Daily (3305671)
9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Fiddley Foodle Bird (s) (79583346) **1.30-1.40** Johnson and Friends (s) (66201313)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Numbertime** (r) (s) (47002671) **2.20 OK2 Talk Feelings.** A battered wife fights back (r) (61974403) **2.30 Advice Shop.** From Birmingham, Marje Proops discusses breast screening (584)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live** (Ceefax) (9073279) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (9022126)
4.00 Today's the Day with Martyn Lewis (s) (836)
4.30 People of the Valley. Welsh drama series with English subtitles (s) (720)
5.00 Catchword (s) (8215)
5.30 FILM: Treasure of the Lost Canyon (1952) starring William Powell in a family adventure story based on a tale by Robert Louis Stevenson. Directed by Ted Tetzlaff (8048687)
6.50 Not in Front of the Parents. The programme revisits three families who took part in a documentary which revealed the unhappiness and confusion children can experience when parents seperate (s) (416836)
7.30 First Sight. Current affairs programme; followed by **Video Nation** (749) **Wales:** Week In Week Out; **East:** Matter of Fact; **Midlands:** Midlands Report; **North, North-east, North-west:** Close Up North; **South:** Southern Eye; **South-west:** Close Up; **West:** Close Up West



Fred Dibnah makes a clean sweep (8.00pm)

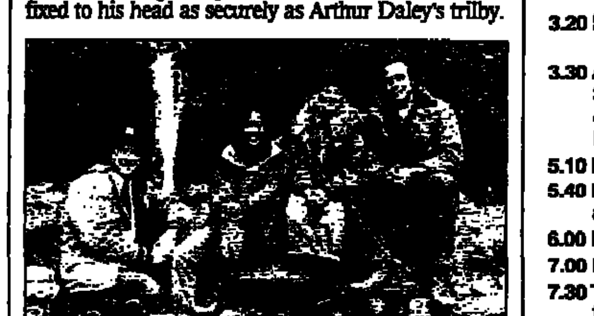
8.00 CHOICE **Life with Fred** (Ceefax) (6749)
8.30 Top Gear. Includes a report on the Coys Festival. (Ceefax) (s) (8584)
9.00 Murder Most Horrid II: Lady Luck. Second of six comedy dramas starring Dawn French. This week she plays a hairdresser who is taken hostage by an escaped bank robber. (Ceefax) (s) (6720)
9.30 In Search of Our Ancestors: The Human Revolution. In the final programme Don Johanson travels from Africa to Australia in search of clues. (Ceefax) (s) (660923)
10.20 10 x 10: The Boarding House (r) (s) (231942)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (508519)
11.15 The Late Review with Mark Lawson (927300)
11.55 Weather (813958) **12.00 Open View** (r) (9350430)
12.05 Beyond the Double Helix (2447169). Ends **12.35**

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CHOICE

Life With Fred
BBC2, 8.00pm

Television has made a celebrity of Fred Dibnah, the Bolton steeplejack, without compromising a genuine character. To his credit, he never plays to the camera. Now in his mid-fifties, Fred still shins up 200-ft chimneys with an agility that gives many of us vertigo just to watch him doing it. But Don Haworth's affectionately observed series concentrates as much on Fred's domestic life as his job. With a young wife and two small children, he confesses to being a changed man. He has given up smoking, has a shower every day and has even been known to help with the housework. One thing is still sacred, his oily old cap. Almost nothing will persuade him to take it off. It is fixed to his head as securely as Arthur Daley's trilby.



A taste of active life in the open air (C4, 8.30pm)

The Great Outdoors
Channel 4, 8.30pm

Four housewives from Liverpool leave the children and shopping behind them for an adventure weekend in Snowdonia. At least, one of them says, it is a change from Butlins. Just how much of a change becomes apparent when the weather turns nasty and the summit of Mount Cnicht looks a very long way off. The episode launches a lively new series on outdoor leisure pursuits in which demonstrations are combined with practical advice. The opening programme also features mountain biking and free-fall parachuting and in a regular spot devoted to contentious issues, argues that the increasing sale of Forestry Commission land to private owners is threatening public access to forests and woodland.

The Rector's Wife
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Unwittingly or not, Joanna Trollope's tale is turning into a very bad advertisement for the Church of England. The sympathy is squarely with poor Anna (Lindsay Duncan) as she braves the social prejudice of her wretchedly unfeeling clergyman husband (Jonathan Coy) and his snobbish parishioners. And all because she takes a job in a supermarket to shore up the family finances. Why should she feel guilty when the C of E pays its ministers so badly? For those who have not read the novel, the big question is whether Anna's feminist rebellion will go further than stacking shelves. With at least two eligible men offering her a way out, the traditional morality of Trollope's bitchy village could be stretched to breaking point.

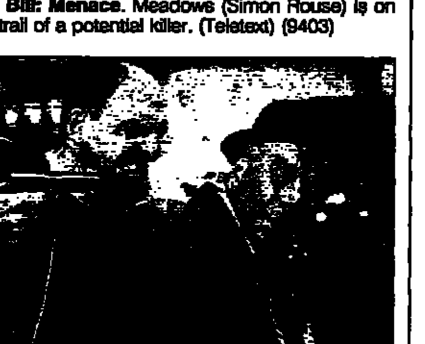
Wildlife on One
BBC1, 8.30pm (Scotland, 8.00pm)

Prosimians, in case you share my ignorance, are primates with big round eyes and large ears which are active only at night. Thanks to the latest technology, the cameras are able to track these creatures of darkness and the sound equipment to monitor their distinctive cries. The film travels a long way in half an hour. On Madagascar it introduces us to the aye-aye, a cat-sized creature with a long middle finger to tap trees and pull out grubs. On Sulawesi, an island off Indonesia, we meet the tarsiers, who have eyes bigger than their brains. New species are still being found. The number of known bushbabies in West Africa has doubled since the 1970s and the latest discovery gives the film a notable scoop.

Peter Waymark

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (8370316)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (3751497) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8838478)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place. Topical discussion series (s) (6666045)
10.35 This Morning. Weekday magazine (91817381) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7429294)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (9684132)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (9596923) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (57153836)
1.55 Gardener's Diary. Seasonal advice (54892395) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (93178687) **2.50 TV Weekly** with Eamonn Holmes (s) (6911687)
3.20 ITN News (8375519) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8367590)
3.30 Allsorts (s) (4397403) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (9020768) **3.50 Garfield and Friends.** Feline fun (6635229) **4.10 Animaniacs** (Teletext) (3873497) **4.40 Fun House.** (Teletext) (6797132)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (4948590)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet. (Teletext) and weather (877126)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (75497)
7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (7855)
7.30 The Big Race. Nicky Campbell presents the series following the progress of competitors in an overland vehicle race from London to New York via Siberia. (Teletext) (s) (403)
8.00 The Bill: Menace. Meadows (Simon Rouse) is on the trail of a potential killer. (Teletext) (9403)

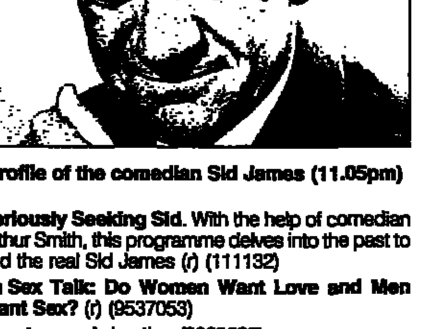


More trouble for George Cole's Arthur (8.30pm)

8.30 Minder: The Long Good Thursday. In the final episode of the final series, Arthur (George Cole) seems to be ready to walk the straight and narrow when he ventures into the restaurant business. However, an old acquaintance turns up with a gun and a grudge. (Teletext) (s) (16403)
9.30 Commando. Continuing the search to find those fit to wear the green beret. (Teletext) (s) (70942)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (34652) **10.30 London Tonight** (992039)
10.40 The British Television Advertising Awards presented by Fiona Foster and Jack Dee. The makers of the best television commercials are awarded Golden Arrows (892855)
11.40 Big City with Gordon Kennedy and Carolyn Marshall (s) (593942)
12.10am FILM: The Deadly Triangle (1977) starring Dale Robinette as a former Olympic ski champion turned sheriff, who tracks down the murderer of a member of a ski team. Directed by Charles S. Dubin (5373546)
1.30 Donahue. The dangers of the most commonly performed medical procedures (28968)
2.30 The Beat presented by Gary Crowley (r) (s) (99237)
3.30 Quiz Night with Stuart Hall (77237)
4.00 The Album Show (r) (s) (58904)
5.00 Videofashion (r) (95053)
5.30 ITN Morning News (85527)

CHANNEL 4

6.35 The Adventures of T-Rex (r) (3945565)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (96039)
9.00 Sabotage. All-female quiz show (s) (24229)
9.30 Schools: Middle English (4519749) **9.46** Mathematical Eye (1468671) **10.07** Scientific Eye (8845768) **10.28** Geographical Eye: Over Europe (4872590) **10.52** Schools at Work (8279519) **11.00** History in Action (3713805) **11.22** The Microclass (8746923) **11.40** The French Programme (1151584)
12.00 House to House. Maya Even reports on parliamentary business (31565)
12.30 Sesame Street. Early-learning series for the under-fives (84316) **1.30 Widget.** Cartoon (r) (60519)
2.00 FILM: English without Tears (1944, b/w) starring Margaret Rutherford as an eccentric duchess who provides a home for Allied officers during the Second World War. Harold French directs (721107)
3.35 The Three Stooges: Oily to Bed, Oily to Rise (b/w). Vintage comedy (6549478)
3.55 A Taste Of Africa. The fourth stop on this gastronomic tour is in Tanzania (r). (Teletext) (s) 7061045)
4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (316)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Today's guests tell of the quirks of fate that have changed their lives. (Teletext) (s) (1976010)
5.50 Laurel and Hardy (585749)
6.00 Crystal Maze. Richard O'Brien leads another team of intrepid contestants through the time warp fantasy zones. (r) (73039)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (628215) **7.50 Comment** (Teletext) (383403)
8.00 The Royal Collection: The Kingdom of Nature. The Prince of Wales introduces this six-part series on the world's greatest private collection of paintings. In the second episode Christopher Lloyd shows how changing attitudes to the natural world are reflected in some of the landscape pictures (r). (Teletext) (s) (7045)
8.30 CHOICE **The Great Outdoors** (Teletext) (3652)
9.00 Beyond the Clouds: A Hungry Ghost. In the fourth part of this documentary series about everyday life in China, a carpenter returns to his village as the locals deal with the aftermath of a girl's murder. (Teletext) (s) (1381)
10.00 CHOICE **The Rector's Wife.** (Teletext) (s) (1955478)



Profile of the comedian Sid James (11.05pm)

11.05 Seriously Seeking Sid. With the help of comedian Arthur Smith, this programme delves into the past to find the real Sid James (r) (111132)
12.05am Sex Talk: Do Women Want Love and Men Want Sex? (r) (9537053)
12.50 Plymtoons. Animation (3369625)
12.55 Dispatches (r). (Teletext) (5119091)
1.45 FILM: Casbah (1948, b/w). Espionage drama set to music, starring Tony Martin as a spy hiding out in Algiers who falls for a beautiful tourist. Directed by John Berry (397904). Ends at **3.15**
4.00-5.30 Schools (11459)

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lunchtime Show **2.00** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Mark Radcliffe live from Manchester **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (r) **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones with a session from Texan guitarist Bobby Mack and his band. Night Train **10.00** High and Lonesome: The 1960s folk boom **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools. Let's Make a Story, **9.15** Together; **9.35** Listen and Read 2; **9.45** Letterbox; **9.55** Poetry Corner; **10.05** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker **12.30pm** Sporting Albums. Jenny Pitman **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** Andy Smith's Drive-in **6.30** Burning Everest, by Adrian Flynn. Jim tries to convince his mother that he is reformed. With Brian Blessed as George Mallory (2/2) **7.15** The Angel of Nitshill Road, by Anne Fine. Read by Una Stubbs **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe! **9.00** Klub Kulture **9.30** Gunchester: Second of a six-part drama by Paul Sirett and Steve Thomas, set in Manchester's Moss Side **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** Network UK **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Good Books **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** The Farming World **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Accidents Will Happen **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Frankenstein* **2.45** The Learning World **3.00** News **3.15** Ray on Record **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Network UK **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Music Review **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Conductors at Work **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** On the Move **1.45** Global Concerns **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** 30 Minute Drama **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Focus on Faith **4.00** News **4.15** Top Scores

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Wieniawski (Violin Concerto No 2 in D minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Travel Guide: Britain **8.00** Evening Concert: See Choice **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast Experience **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** N.J. Williams **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **9.55am-10.00** Anglia News and Weather (8838478) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (7429294) **1.55** A Country Practice (67638381) **2.20** TV Weekly (93097768) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (6911687) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8367590) **5.10-5.40** Take the High Road (4948590) **6.00** Home and Away (858107) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (280213) **10.30** Anglia News and Weather (992039) **10.40-11.10** Anglia Tonight (274039) **12.10am** Phoenix (9163614) **1.05** Bodies of Evidence (3158091) **2.00** Wrestling (3311324) **2.45** America's Top Ten (35188) **3.15** Breaking Point (2637508) **4.10** Jobfinder (61609017) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (53459)

CENTRAL
As London except: **1.55** Shortland Street (67638381) **2.20** TV Weekly (93097768) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (6911687) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (4948590) **6.00** Home and Away (858107) **6.25** Central News and Weather (866126) **6.55-7.00** Life Line (450841) **10.30** Central News and Weather (992039) **10.40** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (892855) **11.40** Bay Cove (380671) **1.30am** The Little Picture Show (28968) **2.30** Noisy Mothers (6176817) **3.25** The Twilight Zone (66283237) **3.50** Jobfinder (2421411) **4.50** Quiz Night (47980594) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2252053)

HTV WEST
As London except: **9.55-10.00** HTV West Headlines (8838478) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (7429294) **1.55** A Country Practice (67638381) **2.20** TV Weekly (93097768) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (6911687) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (8367590) **5.10-5.40** Runway (4948590) **5.55** Home and Away (518836) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (280213) **10.30** HTV West Headlines and Weather (992039) **10.40** Something Strange (274039) **11.10** The West This Week (335720) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (379749) **12.35am** The Wild World of Sports (3812850) **1.05** Bodies of Evidence (3158091) **2.00** Superstars of Wrestling (3311324) **2.45** America's Top Ten (35188) **3.15** Breaking Point (2637508) **4.10** Jobfinder (61609017) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (53459)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (280213) **7.30-8.00** Wales This Week (403) **10.40** A Slice of Life (274039) **11.10-11.40** Wales and Westminster (335720)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67638381) **2.20** TV Weekly (93097768) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6911687) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (869) **6.30-7.00** Gateways (519) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (992039) **11.40** Love and War (593942) **12.10am** Coach (2433968) **12.40-1.30** Street Legal (4370701) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (95053)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67638381) **2.20** TV Weekly (93097768) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (6911687) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (297478) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (519) **10.30** Tyne Tees News and Weather (992039) **10.40** Northern Eye (591229) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (309855) **12.20am** The Fiercest Heart (469817) **2.05** America's Top Ten (7706188) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3157430) **3.05** Make Your Own Bed (6274459) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8201782)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.55** The Sullivans (54892395) **2.25-2.55** TV Weekly (93096039) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (75497) **10.40** Westcountry Focus (274039) **11.10** Prisoner Cell Block H (304300) **12.05am** Coach (2446430) **12.30** My Story (1484099) **12.35** The Twilight Zone (3812850) **1.05** Bodies of Evidence (3158091) **2.00** Wrestling (3311324) **2.45** America's Top Ten (35188) **3.15** Breaking Point (2637508) **4.10** Jobfinder (61609017) **4.30-5.30** Cue the Music (53459)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **1.55** A Country Practice (67638381) **2.20** TV Weekly (93097768) **2.50-3.20** The Young Doctors (6911687) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (519) **10.40** Edit V (591229) **11.25** Prisoner Cell Block H (309855) **12.20am** The Fiercest Heart (469817) **2.05** America's Top Ten (7706188) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (3157430) **3.05** Make Your Own Bed (6274459) **4.35-5.30** Jobfinder (8201782)

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Starts: **7.00** The Big Breakfast (96039) **9.00** Sabotage (24229) **9.30** Ysgolion (208749) **12.00pm** House To House (31565) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (56720) **1.00** A Taste Of Africa Tanzania (99126) **1.30** The Great Commanders: Ulysses B Grant (4766855) **2.15** The Prisoner Of Shark Island (471565) **4.00** Slot 23 (2097395) **4.05** Tomos Y Tanc (4796326) **4.15** Uned 5 (4686792) **5.00** The Cosby Show (1861) **5.30** Countdown (768) **6.00** Newyddion (945107) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (847126) **6.25** Heno (288855) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5497) **7.30** Ar Y Prom (36749) **8.30** Newyddion (3652) **9.00** Taro Naw (4316) **9.30** The Penis Unsheathed (78584) **10.00** The Rector's Wife (1955478) **11.05** Beyond The Clouds (606300) **12.20am-1.05** The Money Police (9558546)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: Women's Studies — Religious Rebellions **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Vaughan Williams (Overture, The Poisoned Kiss); Handel (The King Shall Rejoice, Coronation Anthem No 3); Wolf (Italian Serenade); Howells (Magnificat, Collegium Regale); Donizetti (Quel guardo, il cavaliere, Don Pasquale); Satie (Relâche)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Beethoven. With Paul Guinery. Abscheulicher! Wo eilst du hin? Fidelio; Für Elise, WoO59; Three Goethe-Lieder; Piano Trio in E flat, Op 70 No 2
10.00 Musical Encounters: Felicity Lott sings Liszt (O quand je dors); Debussy (Jeux); Schumann (Frauenliebe und -leben); **10.45** Judith Weir (Out of the Air); **11.25** Haydn (Symphony No 97 in C)
12.00 Ensemble (r) **1.00pm News**
1.05 Handel's Last Oratorios: Jane Glover introduces *Theodora*. University of California, Berkeley, Chamber Choir; Philharmonia Baroque Orchestra
4.10 Beethoven's Opus 5: Boieldieu (Cello Sonata in E flat); Beethoven (Cello Sonata in G minor, Op 5 No 2)
5.00 The Music Machine: Tommy Pearson talks to Andrew Jowett, director of Symphony Hall in Birmingham
5.15 In Tune: Including Weber (Overture, Oberon); **6.00** Tchaikovsky (Serenade for Strings — first movement); **7.00** Rimsky-Korsakov (The Carnival Procession, The Snow-Maiden)
7.30 A Beethoven Concert: Northern Sinfonia under Heinrich Schiff, with Christian Zacharias, piano, David Haslam, flute, and Stephen Reay, bassoon, performs Overture, Prometheus, Op 43; Piano Concerto No 4 in G; Romance cantabile in E minor; Symphony No 7 in A
8.55 Going for a Drive: Artist Patrick Heron explores the changes in west Cornwall
9.10 Palestrina: Mass for the Monday after Easter as it might have been celebrated in St Peter's Basilica in Rome during Palestrina's time (r)
10.15 Unsquare Dances (r)
10.45 Night Waves: Humphrey Carpenter chairs a discussion on "The Power of the Critic", and reviews Wayne Wang's film, *The Joy-Luck Club*
11.30 Voices: Schubert — Aspects of Love. Susan Chilcott, soprano, Richard Jackson, baritone, Iain Burnside, piano, perform Die erste Liebe; Erster Verlust; Sehnsucht, D679; Nur wer die Sehnsucht kennt; Seligkeit; Liebesrausch; Versunken; Der Jüngling an der Quelle; Die Liebe hat gelogen; Trost, D671; Totenopfer; Hektors Abschied; Liebeslauschen; Liebeständelei; Die Unterscheidung; Die Männer sind méchant; Liebhaber in allen Gestalten
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.05 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Maze: Michael Buerk's guests are Janet Daley, Rabbi Hugo Gryn, Edward Pearce and Roger Scruton
9.45 Famous for 15 Minutes: Jenni Mills talks to the former MP Keith Best, who hit the headlines in 1987 for pleading guilty to making multiple British Telecom share applications
10.00-10.30 Oliver Twist (FM only): See Choice
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Romans (4/6) (r)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray presents a special edition from Rome on the eve of the Italian elections. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Looking Forward to the Past: Paul Boateng hosts a light-hearted look at history with Patrick Moore, Andrew Neil, John Pearson and Jan Ravens **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Spoil Heap, by Frank White. Landlord Sam Fulton is having a bad time but can it get even worse? With David Fleeshman and Sue Jenkins
3.00-4.00 Anderson Country (FM only)
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only)
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen reviews Tim Supple's production of *Omma* at the Young Vic; and visits Corin and Vanessa Redgrave's Moving Theatre at Bridge Lane
4.45 Short Story: The Love-Gift, by Lilian Roberts. Read by Mark Mulholland
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Harpoon: An American edition of the satirical magazine. With Susie Brann, Alistair McGowan, Mary Elliot-Nelson, Julian Dutton and Peter Baynham
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Soundtrack: Former child star Paul Petersen runs a group for young actors adjusting to life after early stardom
8.00 Analysis: Battle of the Giants. Simon Stuart discusses national competitiveness
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: An Evil Cradling (9/10) (r)
11.00 Stanza: Andrew McAllister chairs a discussion on the art of poetry translation
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Oliver Twist. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*
Nigel Bryant, who wrote and directed this radio version of Dickens's novel, must have been well pleased with the way he got his Sikes (Tim McInnerny) to batter his Nancy (Adjoa Andoh) to death. Not content with ending episode five with it, he reprises it this morning to open the sixth and final episode. Full-blooded though it is, we should have been spared the repeat. This might have allowed a little more time for Bryant to tie up the other loose ends, and for us to take a breather between the shocks.

Evening Concert. *Classic FM, 8.00pm.*
Gnash our teeth though we may, musical works will go on being re-arranged by hands other than the original composers'. In any case, we do not *have* to listen to them if we choose not to. There are three examples of the breed in tonight's *Evening Concert*: piano arrangements of Strauss's *Blue Danube* and Beethoven's Symphony No 7, and an orchestral version of Dvořák's String Sextet. The No 7 as Beethoven wanted us to hear it is in Radio 3's all-Beethoven concert starting at 7.30pm.

Peter Davalle

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (83746126) **8.40** Lamb Chops (2170132) **9.10** Cartoons (8977039) **9.30** Card Sharks (12942) **9.55** Concentration (84774) **10.30** Love at First Sight (75923) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (19958) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (62403) **12.30pm** E Street (96958) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (11213) **2.00** Pirate (85403) **3.00** Another World (8752671) **3.45** DJ Kat (3049126) **5.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (6958) **6.00** Games World (2671) **6.30** E Street (3923) **7.00** M*A*S*H (7687) **7.30** Full House (9107) **8.00** Rescue (56300) **9.00** LA Law (43836) **10.00** Star Trek: Next Generation (46923) **11.00** Untouchables (27923) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (59275) **1.00am** Night Court (32614) **1.30-2.00** Living Color (59679)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (83331) **9.30** Nightline (25294) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (38869) **11.30** Japan Business (64497) **12.30pm** News and Business (38805) **1.30** CBS News (86364) **2.30** Parliament (71229) **4.30** News and Business (9720) **5.00** Live at Five (4300) **7.30** The Reporters (7749) **9.30** Talkback (80758) **11.30** CBS News (94942) **12.30am** ABC News (86148) **1.30** The Reporters (58430) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (95508) **3.30** Talkback (90053) **4.30** The Reporters (77053) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (41891)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (1433519)
10.00 A Case of Deadly Force (1986): A innocent man is shot by police (90774)
12.00 Blue (1968): A bandit's son falls for the woman he saved from robbers (93478)
2.00pm Pocket Money (1972): A cattleman and a con artist team up in Mexico (33403)
4.00 A High Wind in Jamaica (1965): Children board a pirate ship (4590)
6.00 A Case of Deadly Force (as 10am) (57039)
8.00 Other People's Money (1991): A corporate raider (Danny DeVito) clashes with a tough lawyer (Penelope Ann Miller) (52584)
10.00 Cape Fear (1991): Robert De Niro plays a psychopath seeking revenge on his defence lawyer (Nick Nolte) (44134584)
12.10am Till Murder Do Us Part (1992): A jilted wife shoots her former husband and his new bride. With Meredith Baxter (349614)
1.45 Cape Fear (as 10pm) (78249546)
3.50 Lady Chatterley's Lover (1982): With Sylvia Kristel and Nicholas Clay (35599898). Ends at **5.35**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Zorba the Greek (1964): A British writer befriends a Greek peasant (11741403)
8.20 Interiors (1978): Woody Allen drama about three women who are shocked by their father's new love (21078942)
10.00 Black Eagle (1988): Action drama with Jean-Claude Van Damme and Sho Kosugi (86403). Ends at **11.50**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Strange Lady in Town (1955): Greer Garson becomes Santa Fe's new doctor. With Dana Andrews (46381)
8.00 Ivanhoe (1986). Animation (78855)
9.00 Ali Baba: Children's classic (31229)
10.00 Romeo and Juliet (1968): Franco Zeffirelli version of the tragedy (86843229)
12.20pm The Little Prince (1974): Musical adaptation of a much-loved tale (880279)
2.00 Somewhere in Time (1980): Christopher Reeve travels through time (31045)
4.00 Ivanhoe (as 8am) (32145)
5.00 Ali Baba (as 9am) (8768)
6.00 Solomon's Choice (1992): A couple discover their daughter has cancer (48381)
8.00 A Stranger in the Mirror (1992): Steamy Hollywood melodrama based on a Sidney Sheldon novel (50126)
10.00 The Player (1992): Robert Altman's satire on the film industry (44132126)
12.10am True Identity (1991): Lenny Henry plays a struggling actor who disguises himself as a white man (347256)
1.45 Dirty Work (1992): Drugs shatter the friendship of two cops (922614)
3.15 Lisztomania (1975): Ken Russell's modern-day biopic of composer Franz Liszt (29120968). Ends at **4.55**

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Prime Bodies (58881) **7.30** Soccer (7145768) **7.45** WWF (7299655) **8.30** Drag Racing (88584) **9.00** Prime Bodies **9.30** Field Hockey (78300) **10.30** Soccer (68720) **11.00** Athletics (28109478) **12.45pm** Netbusters (88479126) **1.00** Football: England v Denmark (43497) **3.00** Asian Open Snooker (14720) **5.00** Adventure Sport (8958) **6.00** Soccer (650652) **6.15** Netbusters (655107) **6.30** Basketball (5923) **7.00** Boots and All (74720) **8.00** Boot Room (90768) **9.00** Asian Open Snooker (93855) **11.00** French Football (61381) **12.00** Boots and All (93633) **1.00-1.30am** Tennis (67324)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (68836) **8.00** Eurogolf (14671) **9.00** Show Jumping (97855) **10.00** Alpine Skiing (55720) **11.00** Car Racing (75584) **12.00** Snooker (37836) **2.00pm** Eurofun (7039) **2.30** Ice Hockey (72381) **3.30** Motors Magazine (56132) **4.30** Euroski (54331) **5.30** Alpine Skiing (83316) **6.30** News (3519) **7.00** Motorcycling (72316) **8.00** Alpine Skiing (85836) **9.00** Football (98300) **10.00** Tennis (85497) **10.30** Basketball (72107) **12.00-12.30am** News (71362)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (3815590) **7.30** Neighbours (3538497) **7.55** Sons and Daughters (7975010) **8.25** EastEnders (7974381) **9.00** The Bill (7061861) **9.30** The Onedin Line (8918039) **10.30** Bergerac (3775923) **11.30** The Sullivans (5598132) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7985497) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7570942) **1.00** EastEnders (3614861) **1.30** The Bill (7579213) **2.00** Robin's Nest (4463213) **2.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (5633403) **3.00** Dallas (5496720) **3.55** The Colbys (1814279) **4.50** Every Second Counts (97195565) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (14748855) **5.55** Sykes (7710403) **6.30** EastEnders (5552584) **7.00** Two Ronnies (9074836) **8.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4450749) **8.30** Robin's Nest (4462584) **9.00** Bergerac (9063720) **10.00** The Bill (7985126) **10.30** Innes Book of Records (4905861) **11.10** Top of the Pops (5589294) **12.00** Dr Who (2198140) **12.30am** FILM: Tiger in the Smoke (1956, b/w): An escaped prisoner searches for a priceless statue (6029411) **2.10-7.00** Night Shopping (71137546)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am RatKan II (15229) **6.30** Bobobobs (35519) **7.00** Berenstain Bears (6014687) **7.15** Toons (704855) **7.45** Beverley Hills Teens (703126) **8.15** Head to Head (9091861) **8.30** Teddy Ruxpin (20584) **9.00** Droibee Time (28749) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (68381) **11.00** RatKan II (80861) **11.30** Bobobobs (81590) **12.00** Berenstain Bears (3520590) **12.15pm** Tic Tac Toons (319836) **12.45** Beverley Hill Teens (318107) **1.15** Head to Head (58999126) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (40836) **2.00** Potsworth and Co (5213) **2.30** Herbs (9989010) **2.40** Crystal (3280294) **2.45** Baber (321671) **3.15** RatKan II (4610720) **3.20** Henry's Cat (7103584) **3.35** Special (5356565) **3.45** Spiff (6763768) **3.55** Head to Head (4963652) **4.00** White Fang (4836) **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (3720)

NICKELODEON
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DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (5559497) **4.30** Durrell in Russia (5548381) **5.00** Volcanoscapes (80421774) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (2295836) **7.00** Traveller's Guide (4465671) **7.30** An African Ride (5549010) **8.00** Terra X (4554519) **8.30** Pirates (4460126) **9.00** Fields of Armour (5402381) **9.30** Special Forces (7558720) **10.00** Wildside (9935300) **10.55** Castles in the Sand (2906852) **11.55-12.00** Now: Morocco (7806519)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Brigadoon (1954): Tourists stumble upon a magical Scottish village (9610671) **2.00pm** FILM: Change of Heart (1953, b/w): Susan Hayward plays a young songwriter (1384590) **3.30** David Niven Show (5630316) **4.00** Flying Nun (5546923) **4.30** My Three Sons (5542107) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (4545861) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5839687) **6.00** Saber of London (5556300) **6.30** Man from Interpol (5547652) **7.00** Yancy Derringer (4489497) **7.30** Duffy's Tavern (5543836) **8.00** Avengers (9078652) **9.00** FILM: The Vampire Bat (1936, b/w): Mad scientist horror yarn (5407836) **10.30** Torchy, The Battery Boy (7980942) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (5401652) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (9909519)

UK LIVING
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FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Big Brother Jake (6565) **5.30** Black Stallion (7300) **6.00** Wonder Years (4213) **6.30** Catchphrase (5565) **7.00** All Clued Up (9229) **7.30** Pyramid (1749) **8.00** Cats Eyes (25478) **9.00** Lou Grant (38942) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (98359) **10.30** Evening Shade (18749) **11.00** Remington Steele (69010) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (35633)

MTV
5.00am Wild Side (152381) **8.00** VJ Ingo (249881) **11.00** Soul (53403) **12.00** Hits (35958) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (930836) **3.30** The Report (5446132) **3.45** At the Movies (5441687) **4.00** News (9282126) **4.15** 3 from 1 (9272749) **4.30** Dial MTV (2478) **5.00** Music (14923) **7.00** Hits (14316) **8.00** Most Wanted (96805) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (36687) **10.00** Report (953652) **10.15** At the Movies (958107) **10.30** News (709381) **10.45** 3 from 1 (704836) **11.00** Party Zone (66519) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (20411) **2.00-5.00** Night Videos (7410968)

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10.50 One for the Book (1947): Women fight over Ronald Reagan (70854923)
12.45am Ah, Wilderness (1935, b/w): American coming-of-age drama (75178237)
2.30 Strange Interlude (1932, b/w): Romance with Norma Shearer and Clark Gable (40220833). Ends at **4.30**

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Smith defeated in vote to elect new chairman of England selectors

Board gives Illingworth free rein

By Michael Henderson

EIGHT years after it refused to give him the responsibility that went with the England manager's job, the Test and County Cricket Board has appointed Ray Illingworth as chairman of the selectors with comparable authority. He has the final choice on selection, ahead of Keith Fletcher and Michael Atherton, the manager and captain, and will be judged accordingly.

In appointing Illingworth, by 11 votes to nine in a postal ballot, the counties effectively rebuked those faceless people who wanted to get M. J. K. Smith's nomination through "on the nod". Illingworth, 61, was not the starred candidate and owes his appointment, initially for two years, to those who valued the ability to take hard decisions above the soothing balm of diplomacy.

When boats have to be rocked, he will rock them — to Fletcher's discomfort, if need be. "If you are going to be the chairman of selectors," he said, "then you have to do the job properly. I would like to think that things will work out smoothly with Fletcher and Atherton, but if they don't I will have the final say in picking the team.


Smith: losing candidate

"I have a pretty good knowledge of current players and I intend to get round every county in due course, not all at once. My job is then to lead the selectors and the captain in the right direction."

There has been a concerted effort throughout the shires to get Illingworth, whose professional reputation has no equal in the English game. Predictably, and erroneously, the contest had been represented as "blunt Yorkshireman" against "Oxbridge man", which does neither party much service.

When Ted Dexter resigned as the chairman of the England committee on the last day of the fifth Test against Australia at Edgbaston last August, the Chinese whispers set off by board insiders suggested that Smith, the chairman of Warwickshire, who had just been appointed to manage England's tour in the West Indies, was the favoured successor.

Quite who did the favouring is not clear, as it never is at such times, but Smith was seen as a decent sort whose lack of flamboyance would compensate for Dexter's frequent infelicities.

Put bluntly, his dullness was a public relations boon when the board came to reorganising the England committee into two sections, selection and development.

Illingworth learnt of his elevation late on Monday night when A. C. Smith, the board's chief executive, phoned him at his Spanish holiday home. The 18 first-class counties, MCC and the minor counties each had a vote.

His contract, for which the board will pay compensation for his media jobs as a BBC Television commentator and *Daily Express* columnist, begins today, although prior family commitments will prevent him from getting out to the Caribbean.

Illingworth should have little difficulty working with Atherton, whom he feels has "a good cricket brain". Indeed, Illingworth's arrival could see a further blossoming of Atherton.

Fletcher, in the second year of a five-year contract, may get squeezed. His record as team manager is poor and he will not get his selections ratified without good reasons.

Last night, Illingworth talked, *inter alia*, about the folly of playing four medium-pace bowlers on good pitches, which Fletcher has licensed on two tours. "Keith has a job to do every day," he said. "He works with the team but when the players are in the field I expect to talk with him about all manner of things."

Illingworth's county career began with Yorkshire in 1951 and ended there in 1983. From 1969, he spent nine seasons as the captain of Leicestershire, where he built a side good enough to win the championship, for the only time in the club's history, in 1975.

As the captain of England between 1969 and 1973, his finest achievement was regaining the Ashes in Australia in 1970-71. He is commonly regarded as one of the three best post-war England captains, after Len Hutton and before Mike Brearley. Chairing the selection panel, he said yesterday, "was something I thought about when I was the England captain".

With new players — "it takes only two or three" — he believes England can transform their fortunes. From now on it is his job to identify and promote those players with the appropriate talent and, he stressed, temperament. Candidates please note: shirkers need not apply. Smith, who flew to Guyana with the England party yesterday, said: "It went through the system in the proper way. The counties voted, Illy got the nod and good luck to him. We are all on the same side, wanting a winning England team. I was sounded out about doing the job some time ago and I would have been happy to do it. But you can't say it was a life's ambition."

☐ Dennis Silk, the president of MCC, will become the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board in October. He succeeds Frank Chamberlain.

MARK MARSON


Illingworth at Lord's yesterday after being elected chairman of the England selectors by the Test and County Cricket Board

Presence of Faldo and Daly adds spice to Classic

From Patricia Davies in Fort Lauderdale

THE powers-that-be at the Honda Classic, which starts today at the Weston Hills country club here, must be offering up prayers of thanks for the return of the prodigal John Daly and the presence of the prodigious Nick Faldo and Bernhard Langer, the Masters champion.

Sandy Lyle and Ian Woosnam, with three major championships between them, are also playing but the tournament has suffered a couple of important losses, notably Fred Couples, the defending champion, who has taken his ailing back home to Texas and Phil Mickelson, who broke his left leg skiing last week.

Faldo, who will be playing with Daly, has missed the cut in his last two outings but refused to be worried by that rare lapse — it last happened in 1986.

He has spent a few days working with David Leadbetter in Orlando and reported: "Everything's all right. We've changed a lot of things and I'm a lot happier."

It is, of course, early season, and the big names have their thoughts on the Masters next month. Langer, the defending champion there, has had four weeks off, including ten days in bed with influenza, and he will be playing the next three weeks in his bid to "have another good Masters".

Woosnam, who has not played since the Johnnie Walker Classic in Thailand at the beginning of February, is unrecognisable from the tortured being of late last year. He was in such despair after a dire display at Sun City that he turned to Leadbetter.

"David has such a good eye and, with me, it's one or two little things that I need to do to swing well," he said. "To me, it's one of the simplest things in the world to do what he suggests."

The Welshman is an uncomplicated soul and he has learned that he plays his best if he is relaxed. "The way I like to relax is to have a couple of beers," he said.

Woosnam knows when to stop, however, and having also proved that a titch of 5ft 4½in can be the best player in the world, he now feels no driving need to be No 1. "My goal is to win more major tournaments," he said.

Manchester City turn to Walsh in striking search


Walsh: reluctant

By Peter Ball

AFTER failing to buy Ian Rush from Liverpool or Alan Smith from Arsenal, Manchester City's search for a striker has led them to Paul Walsh, a former team-mate of the City manager, Brian Horton. Yesterday, Portsmouth accepted an offer of around £750,000 for their player of the year last season and gave Walsh permission to begin negotiating personal terms with the Maine Road club.

On the face of it, the decision to try to sign Walsh, who is now 31, smacks of desperation. The former Charlton Athletic, Luton Town, Liverpool and Tottenham Hotspur forward has scored in only one of his last 22 games for Portsmouth and is expecting to undergo surgery on a lingering ankle injury. However, his ability is unquestioned and he had an outstanding match against Manchester United at Old Trafford in the Coca-Cola Cup in January when he scored both Portsmouth goals in a 2-2 draw.

"I played with him at Luton," Horton said yesterday, "and I know what a player he is. He was magnificent last season — he must have made 30 of Guy Whittingham's goals [he scored 47] — and when we played them at Oxford, he murdered us."

This season, though, Walsh, who cost just £400,000 when he was signed from Tottenham in the summer of 1992, has been less consistent, the ankle injury and Portsmouth's declining form obviously affecting him.

City's pressing need is for a regular goalscorer and Walsh has hardly been that throughout his career. He averaged one in three games in his heyday with Luton and Liverpool, but at Tottenham the ratio declined to 19 goals in 128 league games. That said, he is Portsmouth's leading scorer this season with 11 goals in all competitions and his popularity on the south coast is unquestioned, something amply demonstrated yesterday when, as news of the possible transfer spread, Portsmouth's switchboard was jammed with calls of protest.

The move could yet founder. Walsh, who has more than two years remaining on his contract and is completing the building of a new house on the south coast, has still to agree personal terms and must also to get his ankle through the Manchester City medical. That may not be a formality.

There were signs, too, yesterday that Walsh would move north with some reluctance: "I'll be very sorry to go, because I love it at Portsmouth," he said, "but when a club is ready to sell you, it says a lot. It's a great chance for me, but it's the last thing I was looking for. I would have been quite happy to stay with Pompey for the rest of my career."

Bruce Dyer, 18, the Watford striker, will complete a £1.1 million transfer to their Endsleigh Insurance League first division rivals, Crystal Palace today, provided that he passes a medical at Selhurst Park. Dyer has scored nine goals for Watford this season and formed a potent partnership with Paul Furlong.

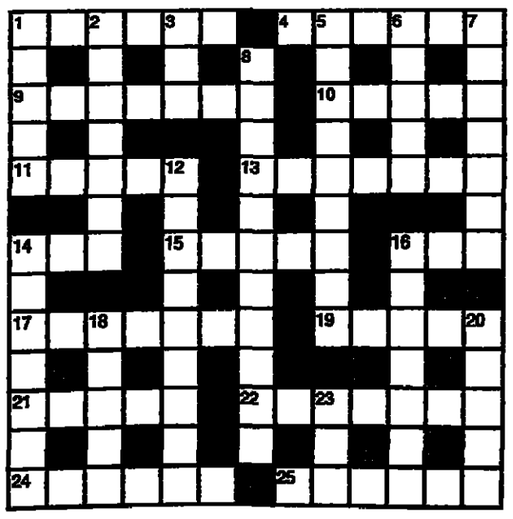
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10 Tedious duty (5)
11 Quick (5)
13 Wishing to be in another's place (7)
14 Shade; Vietnamese port (3)
15 Complete: say (5)
16 Herb: regret (3)
17 Break apart (5,2)
19 Discharge from army (5)
21 Nimble (5)
22 High female voice (7)
24 Condensed written compilation (6)
25 Goodbyes (6)

DOWN
1 Face armour (5)
2 Get to grips (7)
3 Thin metal shaft (3)
5 Bareheaded (9)
6 Japanese city: Tokyo (anag.) (5)
7 Supervise (7)
8 A difficult situation (1,6,4)
12 Certainly (9)
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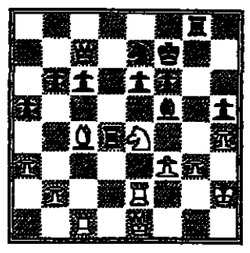
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CHESS

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Timman - Karpov, Linares 1992. Black has just captured a pawn on d4. White now tore into his position with 1 Nxf6. What should now happen?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

FAMP
a. To behave effeminately
b. A boarding-ladder
c. A sort of shale

GNATHO
a. With protruding teeth
b. A school of paradoxes
c. A sycophant

TENEBRIO
a. Musical instruction
b. A South American monkey
c. A night prowler

UPAS
a. The obsolete pronoun: towards
b. A Sanskrit holy book
c. A poison tree

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